



## MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council in the New SCR  
at 1:10 pm on Tuesday 12 February 2019*

There were present: The Master, the Vice-Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Beauregard, Professor Cant, Professor Ellis, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson and the Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas. The MCR President, the JCR President and the JCR Treasurer were present for the Unreserved Business. Dr Smith was in attendance as Secretary.

### UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2019.24      Starred Items*  
It was agreed that starred items should not be discussed.
- cc2019.25      \* Statement of Conflicts of Interest*  
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2019.26      Apologies for Absence*  
Apologies were received from Dr Rana and the MCR Treasurer.
- cc2019.27      Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 22 January 2019*  
The Minutes were agreed and signed. The Master welcomed the JCR Treasurer to his first Council meeting.
- cc2019.28      Matters Arising*  
There were no matters arising.
- cc2019.29      Phase III and Old Library*  
The Bursar reported on the tender process in which the bids of three companies had been considered. Council approved the choice of Barnes Construction, and authorized the Bursar to sign a letter of intent for orders worth up to £ 2 million. Council noted that the designs for the interior of the Auditorium had been favourably received among both senior and junior members.
- cc2019.30      † Buildings and Estates Committee*  
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Buildings and Estates Committee held on 1 February 2019 (CP2019/7), and approved the

revised plan for glazing the arcade outside the College Bar (**C2019/7a**), subject to listed buildings consent.

- cc2019.31 *Risk Register for 2019*  
Council approved the Risk Register for 2019 (**CP2019/8**). Council noted the particular importance of red risk items. The Bursar reported that as contingencies for Brexit, the College had asked its food suppliers to stock up, and about 80 rooms would be reserved during the Easter Vacation in case students experienced difficulties travelling to or from the EU. The Senior Tutor reported that other planning, such as the exeat system, would go ahead as usual. Students were encouraged to raise any queries or concerns with their Tutor in the first instance. Council agreed that Safeguarding should be added to the Risk Register. It was also agreed that a full version of the Register would be brought to the Governing Body once a year, with the present version going to the meeting on 26 February, and that there would then be a termly iteration of the full Register for Council, with the headlines being brought to the Governing Body.
- cc2019.32 \* *Committee on Committees*  
Council noted that the Committee on Committees had approved by circulation the reappointment of Mr Peter Agar as an external member of the Investment Committee for five years to October 2023 and the appointment of Mr Nicholson as a member of the Paintings Committee.
- cc2019.33 *Investment Committee*  
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Investment Committee held on 24 January 2019 (**CP2019/9**). Council noted that the College had now sold the last of its investments in the fossil fuel sector, and that it had recently applied to double its investment in a wind company.
- cc2019.34 *Rents Liaison Committee*  
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Rents Liaison Committee held on 29 January 2019 (**CP2019/10**). Council approved the proposal to raise 2019-20 rents by 2.5%.
- cc2019.35 *Six Month Accounts*  
The Bursar introduced **CP2019/11**. Council noted that the figures were exactly on budget so far, but that the underlying trend was for costs to rise faster than income. It was as yet too early to assess the impact of the new Servery in helping to reduce the Catering deficit. Council agreed to monitor developments concerning the CCFPS, and the Bursar was asked to bring a position paper on this subject to Council later in the year.
- cc2019.36 *Timetable of Meetings*  
Council provisionally approved the timetable of College Council and Governing Body meetings and the College Meeting for 2019-20 (**CP2019/12**), subject to further review of the timing of the Appeals meeting scheduled for 14 July 2020.



- cc2019.37 *College Diary for 2019-20*  
Council received the first draft of the College Diary for 2019-20 (CP2019/13). Council agreed that this should not yet be published on the College intranet, and that factual errors should be reported to the Master's Assistant.
- cc2019.38 *Private undergraduate fee for 2020-21*  
Council approved the Bursar's proposal for the private undergraduate fee for 2020-21 (CP2019/14).
- cc2019.39 *Review of the University's education strategy*  
The Master and Senior Tutor introduced CP2019/15. Council expressed serious concerns about this document. In particular, Council felt that it contained too little about teaching and learning; that it was unclear whether it constituted a strategy or a vision for the future; that it made no reference to the pursuit of excellence or to the distinctiveness of the Cambridge supervision system; and that some of its statements were equally applicable to many other HEI's. Council also felt that greater clarity was needed from the University over whether College approval for such a document might be construed as signing up to deliver its contents, an undertaking that would have financial implications. Council asked the Senior Tutor to draft a reply incorporating these points.
- cc2019.40 *Review of the University's student discipline procedure consultation*  
The Master and Senior Tutor introduced CP2019/16. Council noted that the revised procedure involved a change from 'beyond reasonable doubt' to a 'balance of probabilities' approach. Council expressed serious concerns about such a move, which might risk shifting the burden of proof and compromising the principle of innocent until proven guilty. There were also significant implications regarding fitness to practice, and it was felt that the discussion of this matter in Section 4 was overly simplistic. Council agreed that the Vice-Master and the Senior Tutor would draft a response, in the form of questions and requests for reassurance, which the Master would then take to the next meeting of the Colleges Committee.
- cc2019.41 \* *Accommodation Committee*  
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on 23 January 2019 (CP2019/17).
- cc2019.42 \* *Directors of Studies Committee*  
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Directors of Studies Committee held on 21 January 2019 (CP2019/18).
- cc2019.43 *Wedding in Chapel*  
Council noted that the Dean of Chapel had given permission for the wedding of Matthew Wordsworth (SE 2002) and Jenny Davis to take place in the Chapel on Saturday 15 June 2019.



cc2019.44

*Any Other Unreserved Business*

There was no other Unreserved Business.

