



MINUTES
of a meeting of the College Council in the New SCR
at 1:10 pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019

There were present: The Master, the Vice-Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Beauregard, Professor Cant, Professor Ellis, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Dr Rana, 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

cc2019.82 Starred Items

It was agreed that starred items should not be discussed.

*cc2019.83 * Statement of Conflicts of Interest*

There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.

cc2019.84 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Nicholson and the MCR Treasurer.

cc2019.85 Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 12 March 2019

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

cc2019.86 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

cc2019.87 Phase III and Old Library

The Bursar reported that work had begun on Phase III, but that the next stage, which involved piling, would not take place until after the end of the Quiet Period. Council noted that this delay should not affect the planned completion date of November 2020; and that fund-raising for the project had currently reached £11.7 million towards the target of £12.6 million.

cc2019.88 Statute reform

The Bursar introduced **CP2019/34**. Council noted that a revision of the College statutes was overdue, and that there was a need to take account of changes in the context of such matters as employment law or changes to University and College disciplinary frameworks. Council agreed that the Governing Body should remain the charity trustees. It was agreed

that the revision process should draw as much from statutes into ordinances as possible. It was agreed to consult with those Colleges that had recently revised and shortened their statutes, and it was hoped that much work could be accomplished in-house, with professional lawyers involved in the role of approving and editing rather than drafting. An offer of a free meeting from Mills and Reeve would probably be accepted, and the project would then be opened to bids. The Statutes Committee would meet in May, after which a consultation document would be sent to the Governing Body in time for discussion at its meeting on 18 June, with the hope of signing off the internally generated draft at the November meeting of the Governing Body.

- cc2019.89 Risk Register*
Council noted that the only change to the headline risks in **CP2019/35** was that the immediate threat to examinations and to the food supply posed by a No Deal Brexit had receded for the time being, and that the University and intercollegiate bodies were advising as necessary.
- cc2019.90 IT Committee*
Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the IT Committee held on 8 March 2019 (**CP2019/36**).
- cc2019.91 College Diary, 2019-20*
Council approved the draft diary, noting that certain meeting dates were still to be confirmed (**CP2019/37**). Council agreed to move the date of the Michaelmas Term Governing Body meeting to 26 November 2019. Colleagues were encouraged to check the diary and to send any amendments to the Master's Assistant.
- cc2019.92 University policy on student discipline*
The Master reported that the University was currently reviewing its procedures relating to student discipline. Despite concerns expressed by virtually every College, the University intended to put its proposals to a vote of the Regent House in June 2019. The Senior Tutor reported that in the meantime, the College should press ahead with revising its own procedures in this area to ensure that they were fit for purpose, noting in particular the need not to over-promise and to be very clear about the limits of the College's own competences as there was significant risk in not doing so. The procedures of Christ's College provided a helpful model, and the Vice-Master and Senior Tutor were in the process of adapting them for use at Selwyn. The importance of consulting with junior members was noted. It was agreed that a draft proposal would be brought to Council. It was hoped that revised College procedures would be in place before the start of the next academical year.
- cc2019.93 Prevent*
Council noted the ADR and risk assessment outcome letter (**CP2019/38**) and expressed its thanks to the Senior Tutor for all his hard work in relation to Prevent.



cc2019.94

Council Permission

Council granted permission for the events set out in **CP2019/39**, as follows:

i. Civil ceremony on Saturday 7 September 2019

For the Civil Ceremony of Nicholas Sanders (SE 2000) and Nathan Willmon (approved on 13 February 2018, cc2018/44i), Council noted that ball games are not allowed in the gardens, and asked for clarification about the area of the gardens that would be used along with the need to respect restrictions on some activities. Council also noted that liaison with the Head Gardener would be essential.

ii. Civil Ceremony on Saturday 14 December 2019

For the Civil Ceremony for Dr Keeler and Mr Marcos Gutierrez in the New SCR and Old SCR, followed by lunch in the Hall and the New SCR, possibly with music during the ceremony. Council expressed its congratulations to Dr Keeler and Mr Gutierrez on this forthcoming event.

iii. Saturday 19 September 2020

For a drinks reception and dinner for 50-100 people arranged by Dr Sian Foster (SE 1978), with the possibility of some music being played during the reception and/or dinner.

cc2019.95

MCR Annual Dinner

The MCR President introduced **CP2019/40**. Council gave permission for a circus performer to perform at the MCR Annual Dinner on Friday 14 June 2019, and for various large decorations to be placed in the garden and the Hall. Council noted the importance of liaison between the MCR officers and the Head Gardener, and of ensuring that a full clearing up operation was complete before the wedding that was due to take place in College the following day.

cc2019.96

Designation of Class E Fellows

The Master introduced **CP2019/41**. Council agreed that the designation of Class E Fellows should be changed for day-to-day usage to 'Emeritus Fellows'. Council noted that these Fellows would remain formally 'Fellows under Title E', and that therefore no amendment to the College statutes was needed.

cc2019.97

Ramsay Murray Lecture

Council noted that this year's Ramsay Murray Lecture would take place on Friday 10 May 2019, at 5.30 pm in the Law Faculty. The historian Professor David Reynolds, FBA would speak on 'History: academic, personal and public'. The Vice-Master would introduce the lecture, and the Senior Tutor would chair the question-and-answer session after it.



i. Cambridge undergraduate admissions

The Master reported that Dr Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive of the Office for Students (OfS), had recently addressed the Council of the University. In particular, she had advocated the making of contextual (i.e. lower) offers as a way of improving the diversity and inclusivity of those admitted as undergraduates to Cambridge University. Council noted the significant role that contextual data already plays in the admissions process as part of the continuing strategy to improve access and widen participation. Equally, conditional offers had to be set at a level that ensured not only academic potential but also the possession of specific knowledge and skills that were essential for coping with a Cambridge course. Current processes are intensive and consider every applicant holistically rather than relying only on basic data from the UCAS application. Council agreed that Cambridge needed to make its case clearly and firmly to OfS, and noted that the Russell Group Vice-Chancellors had collectively responded robustly on this issue.

ii. College Bar

The Bursar reported that the refurbishment of the College Bar would be finished by the end of the present week, two weeks later than scheduled. This over-run was due to issues with the wiring for the electricity supply, and with the route of the data cabling. Council noted the great importance of sticking to time estimates for building and related projects, and of maintaining good communications between all those affected by such work. The forthcoming work on the Chapel would be of particular importance in this respect given that it is due to finish by the date of Commemoration of Benefactors, on 28 September 2019.

iii. Senior Treasurership of the College Boat Club

Council appointed Mr Nicholson as the Senior Treasurer of the College Boat Club, in place of Professor Dennis.

iv. Deputy Head Gardener

Council expressed its sympathy to the Deputy Head Gardener who had recently broken his arm very badly in a bicycle accident, and sent its good wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

v. Art work on Phase III hoardings (cc2019.67)

The JCR President asked about the possibility of art work by students being placed on the hoardings of the Phase III building site. It was agreed to investigate whether or not the hoardings would be suitable for this use.



vi. Bicycles at the back of Cripps Court

The MCR President reported that because of over-crowding of the bicycle sheds, some bicycles were being left in the alcoves at the back of Cripps Court. Council agreed that bicycle racks were needed in the alcoves, and that this matter should be raised with the Operations Manager.

