



## MINUTES

### *of a meeting of the Governing Body in the New SCR at 8.30 pm on Tuesday 26 February 2019*

There were present: The Master, Professor Baert, Dr Beauregard, Dr Benson, Professor Butterfield, Dr Button, Dr Cameron, Professor Cant, Mr Downer, Professor Ellis, Dr Eves, Dr Filimonova, Dr Gardner, Dr Grabenhorst, Dr Jarvis, Mr Kitov, Dr Larcom, Dr McDougall, Professor McFarland, Dr Macieszczak, Mr Matheson, Dr Meer, Mr Nicholson, Dr Nikiforakis, Dr O'Sullivan, Dr Phillips-Robins, Dr Sage, Dr Sewell, the Rev'd Canon Shilson-Thomas, Dr Smith, Dr Summers, Dr Thompson, Dr Upton, Dr Velu, Dr Venkateshvaran, Dr Viejo Rose, Dr Webb, Dr Wilcox, Dr Ye, Dr V Young and Dr Zivkovic. The JCR President, the JCR Treasurer and the MCR President were present for the Unreserved Business.

There were absent on leave: Dr Briggs, Dr Bulag, Dr Howard, Dr Willis and Dr Woodford.

## UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- gb2019.1*      *Statement of Conflicts of Interest*  
There were no conflicts of interest arising from this Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- gb2019.2*      *Apologies for Absence*  
Apologies were received from: Professor Chu, Dr Connell, Dr Faul, Mrs Fraser Butlin, Dr Keeler, Ms MacDonald, Dr Moultrie, Dr Rana and the MCR Treasurer.  
  
Absent without apologies were: Professor Clegg, Professor Dennis, Dr Halina, Dr O'Donnell and Dr da Silva.
- gb2019.3*      *Minutes of the Unreserved Governing Body Meeting held on 13 November 2018*  
The Minutes were agreed and signed. The Master welcomed Mr Kim, the JCR President, the JCR Treasurer and the MCR President to their first Governing Body meeting.
- gb2019.4*      *Ann's Court Phase III and Old Library*  
The Bursar introduced the Tender Report (**GB2019/1**) and reported on the tender process in which the bids of three companies had been considered. Governing Body noted that Barnes Construction had been chosen, and that £12.6 million remained the anticipated cost of the project. Governing Body approved going ahead, and the Bursar was authorised to issue

letters of intent for the pre-ordering of materials up to a figure of £2 million.

*gb2019.5*

*Development Matters*

The Development Director reported that the appeal for Phase III and the Old Library had so far raised £11.3 million. A segmented mailing to Selwyn alumni would be complete by the end of March 2019, and over 400 alumni had so far supported the appeal. Governing Body noted that the recent telephone campaign, together with follow-ups, had raised over £250,000. The latest College *Calendar* had received excellent feedback, and the *Annual Report* would be mailed at the beginning of April together with a programme of about 40 events to take place in Cambridge, London and elsewhere. Governing Body noted that information about Fellows' activities, including images of them at work, were always welcome for such publications. Discussions about the University-backed Student Support Initiative were continuing, with the aim of raising £500 million, of which £300 million would be allocated to postgraduates, especially PhD students, and £200 million to undergraduates. Governing Body noted the crucial importance of also funding students for MPhils, which in many subjects were the gateway to a PhD, and the need to reduce inequality of provision between the Colleges.

*gb2019.6*

*Six Month Accounts*

The Bursar introduced the six-month accounts (**GB2019/2**). Governing Body noted that the figures were so far very close to budget, and that income from student catering had risen by 19%. The Bursar emphasised that the financial climate remained uncertain, not least regarding the future of the student fee.

*gb2019.7*

*Timetable of Meetings*

Governing Body noted the timetable of meetings of College Council, Governing Body and the College Meeting for 2019-20 (**GB2019/3**).

*gb2019.8*

*Risk Register 2019*

Governing Body approved the Risk Register for 2019 (**GB2019/4**) and noted the particular importance of red risk items, relating to Brexit. The Bursar reported that as a contingency the College had asked its food suppliers to build up supplies, but that the bigger problems were likely to be longer term, for example labour shortages and price increases. Governing Body noted that safeguarding issues were now included in the Risk Register, and that the headline page of the Register would henceforth be presented to Council as a standing item. The Bursar emphasised that the Register was an evolving document, and he asked Fellows to inform him if there were any risks that they felt were not sufficiently addressed in it.



- gb2019.9*                      *Equality & Diversity Committee*  
Governing Body received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Equality & Diversity Committee held on 5 February 2019 (**GB2019/5**).
- gb2019.10*                    *University Consultations*  
Governing Body noted the University's transition years, education strategy and student discipline documents (**GB2019/6**, **GB2019/7** and **GB2019/8**). The Master reported that Council had been favourable in principle to transition years but felt that the idea needed a lot more detailed working out. Regarding the education strategy, Council's reservations were widely shared among other Colleges: the general feeling was that the document was not a strategy and needed to be thoroughly re-worked. There was also a concern that College approval of items mentioned in the document might be construed as a binding undertaking. Regarding the student discipline consultation, Governing Body noted that the revised procedure involved a change from 'beyond reasonable doubt' to a 'balance of probabilities' approach. There were serious concerns about such a move, especially if it was allied with building unrealistic expectations about what College and University processes can achieve. There was also a fear that a long established system that had worked in the interests of students might be threatened. The Vice-Master agreed to liaise with other Colleges' Law Fellows who offered their services *pro bono*, and who were understood to share the concerns about the current proposals.
- gb2019.11*                    *Education Committee*  
Governing Body received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Education Committee held on 18 February 2019 (**GB2019/9**). The Senior Tutor drew particular attention to item 5, relating to admissions at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- gb2019.12*                    *Directors of Studies Committee*  
Governing Body received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Directors of Studies Committee held on 21 January 2019 (**GB2019/10**). The Senior Tutor drew particular attention to item 5.iv, regarding the sharing of best practice from departmental discussions of Tripos performance by gender and other characteristics; and also to item 5.v, encouraging Directors of Studies and other Teaching Fellows to liaise with the College Librarian about the checking and weeding of subject collections before the move to the new Library.
- gb2019.13*                    *Any Other Unreserved Business*  
There was no other Unreserved Business.

