



MINUTES

*A meeting of the Governing Body
was held in the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium
at 8.30 pm on Tuesday 22 June 2021*

There were present the Master, Dr Bardhan, Dr Beauregard, Dr Briggs, Professor Butterfield, Dr Button, Professor Cant, Dr Carreira da Silva, Professor Chu, Professor Ellis, Dr Eves, Dr Gardener, Dr Grabenhorst, Dr Hancox, Dr Hartwell, Dr Haustein, Dr Howard, Dr Keeler, Dr Kim, Dr Lee, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Dr Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Dr Nowak, Dr O'Donnell, Mr Pierce, Dr Reinbold, Dr Sage, Dr Sewell, Canon Shilson-Thomas, Dr T. Smith, Professor Stewart, Professor Tasker, Dr Velu, Dr Venkateshvaran, Dr Woodford, and Dr V. Young. The JCR President, the JCR Treasurer and MCR President were present for the unreserved business, for which the MCR Treasurer was also in attendance.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- gb2021.22* *Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- gb2021.23* *Apologies for Absence*
Apologies were received from Professor Baert, Dr Cameron, Dr Connell, Dr Dicks, Professor Felli, Dr Filimonova, Mrs Fraser Butlin, Dr Halina, Mr Kitov, Dr Larcom, Dr McDougall, Dr Macieszczak, Professor Nikiforakis, Dr Phillips-Robins, Dr Summers, and Dr Viejo Rose. Dr Lippert, Dr Meer, Dr D. Smith, Dr Thompson, Dr Webb and Dr Wilcox were on leave.
- gb2021.24* *Minutes of the Unreserved Governing Body Meeting held on 2 March 2021*
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- gb2021.25* *Matters arising*
There were no matters arising.
- gb2021.26* *Covid Update*
The Bursar and the Senior Tutor reported that during the Easter Term the College has undergone a process of gradual easing of restrictions in line with the Government's road map. The participation rate in asymptomatic testing remained high but more recently has fallen off. The Bursar

confirmed that three positive cases were confirmed on the day of Governing Body and more cases were expected as a result of the rise of the Delta variant of concern, largely connected to the student households already affected. The Senior Tutor and Bursar encouraged students to participate in the final rounds of asymptomatic testing and to get vaccinated.

Risk management is in place for General Admission, with final plans for guests still to be confirmed, subject to risk assessment.

Governing Body expressed its thanks to Covid Coordinator, Chris Cowan, and the Accommodation Officer, Alison Benham.

- gb2021.27* *9-month accounts for the 2020-21 financial year*
The Bursar introduced the nine-month accounts (**GB2021/10**). The nine-month accounts showed a small improvement on the six-month accounts, and, while they forecast a £100,000 cash deficit, the situation may still improve and result in a small cash surplus at the end of the year. The College has received a £600,000 legacy from the estate of an alumnus, Hugh Saffery, and the markets have performed better than predicted. However, the accounts are still £700,000 below budget on rent and catering.
- gb2021.28* *Budget and Cashflow forecast for the 2021-22 financial year*
Governing Body approved the Budget (**GB2021/11**) and expressed its thanks to the Finance Manager, Mrs Clayson. The Budget for 2021-22 is stronger than last year's in terms of the College's cash flow, and the overall budget deficit is smaller than last year's but still stands at £2.1 million, since no conference income is anticipated this summer. The budget takes into account the rise in student numbers and investment income, but also a sharp rise in building depreciation and in pensions. The budget also includes repayments on a planned loan for the refurbishment of the hostels, as outlined in *gb2021.30*.
- gb2021.29* *Old Library Update*
The Bursar updated Governing Body on progress in the redevelopment of the Old Library (**GB2021/12**). The overall budget is £1.45 million. The project includes a secure space to showcase a collection of medical exhibits for use in the study and teaching of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. Tender interviews were carried out on 15 June and one construction company felt to be particularly strong. Governing Body accepted the recommendation of the Old Library Steering Group to issue the company with a letter of interest.
- gb2021.30* *Hostels Refurbishment*
The Bursar reported on the purchase of 1 Selwyn Gardens and its refurbishment together with the graduate hostels, 29 and 31 Grange Road (**GB2021/13**). Eighteen out of thirty-two rooms in the hostels will have en suite facilities and the Fellow's accommodation in 31 Grange Road will be improved. The Hostels working group has offered guidance on the designs. The option of a heat pump to degasify the properties remains



under consideration, though Governing Body noted that it adds £600,000 to the overall cost of the project and that it would be possible to retrofit a heat pump at a future stage. The consultants' anticipated costs, prior to tender, had initially been higher than anticipated. However, subsequent discussions have led to costs more in line with the initial estimates and Governing Body agreed to progress to tender. Governing Body endorsed the recommendation for the College to take out a commercial loan to fund the refurbishment, and agreed that Council should enter into the loan on behalf of the College. Governing Body authorised Council to approve relevant budget expenditure.

- gb2021.31 Approval of Total Return Policy*
Governing Body approved the Total Return accounting policy for the College's investment assets (**GB2021/14**).
- gb2021.32 Fees and Charges 2021-22*
Governing Body noted the fees and charges for 2021-22 (**GB2021/15**).
- gb2021.33 Senior Tutor's Report*
The Senior Tutor warmly thanked Fellows, staff and students for working together in challenging circumstances and noted in particular the importance of the support offered to students by members of the tutorial office, directors of studies and tutors, and by the College nurse. The Dawson fund has also facilitated much invaluable support of student mental health, and full use has been made of it this past year. The Governing Body expressed thanks to the Senior Tutor and to all involved.
- gb2021.34 Prevent*
The Senior Tutor noted that the College had completed its annual return to the Office for Students (OfS) concerning the Prevent duty, and the OfS confirmed that no further actions were required.
- gb2021.35 Development matters*
The Development Director reported on the completion of Ann's Court and the Christopher Dobson building, and the success of the celebrations of the generosity of Chris Dobson on 17 May, and Jill Whitehouse and Gareth Quarry on 4 June. The Ramsay Murray lecture, given by Professor Rana Mitter, took place on 4 June as a hybrid event and was watched by several hundred people around the world. A garden party for all benefactors who contributed towards Ann's Court is planned for the weekend of 10-11 July. Fellows are invited to attend. Plans are also going ahead for larger scale reunions in September. The Development Director thanked Fellows for their contributions to the Selwyn magazine and the College calendar.
- gb2021.36 Amendments to the MCR Constitution (GB2021/16)*
Approval of suggested amendments to the MCR Constitution was delegated to the College Council, to take place after discussions have been held with the Senior Law Fellow.



gb2021.37 **Equality and Diversity Committee*
Governing Body noted the minutes of the meeting of the Equality and Diversity Committee held on 2 June 2021 (GB2021/17).

gb2021.38 *Any Other Unreserved Business*
The Master thanked Dr Fabian Grabenhorst, Dr Emily Hancox and Dr Katarzyna Macieszczak, as departing Fellows for their contributions to the College, and congratulated Professor Bill Clegg on his retirement and his move to Class E.

