

## **Sidney Sussex College**

The Minutes of  
**GOVERNING BODY**  
held in the Old Library  
on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 2pm

### **In attendance:**

#### **Senior members:**

The Master, the Acting Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar, Ms Baskerville, Professor Biagini, Dr Bordin, Dr Dandeleit, Dr Fulda, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, Dr Groom, Dr Ranasinghe, Professor Reynolds, Dr Theil

#### **Student representatives:**

Ms Horvat-Menih (MCR President), Ms Lawson-Todd (JCR Vice-President), Ms Morgan (JCR President), Mr Robertson (Student Representative)

#### **Also present:**

Ms Adams (College Registrar / Council Secretary)

## **UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

### **1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Dr Eaton, Professor Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Dr Groisman, Professor Neely, Dr Öner, Dr Scalliet, Dr Schneider and Dr Stasch.

#### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was **approved**.

#### **1.3 Declarations of Interests**

The Master declared an interest in item 2.1b (Mastership Farewell Event), but Governing Body did not require him to withdraw.

#### **1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Governing Body on 9 November 2022 (GB.2023.02.22.1.4)**

The minutes were **confirmed**.

##### **a) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

### **2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

#### **2.1 Master's Business**

##### **a) Inter-collegiate business**

The Master outlined recent inter-collegiate business from meetings of the Bursars' Committee, Colleges' Committee and Senior Tutors' Committee:

- A full-time Director of Undergraduate Admissions for the Colleges role was to be established, replacing the current part-time Director of Admissions role;
- There was no consensus amongst Colleges on the preferred format for undergraduate admissions interviews for 2023 and beyond;
- Cambridge University Press and Assessment would cease managing the Cambridge admissions tests after the 2023-24 round and a working group had been established to consider alternatives.
- The awards scheme for organ scholars was being reformed;
- Although raising offer targets for over-subscribed subjects was under consideration, further evidence was believed to be required before a decision to do this.

**b) Mastership Farewell Event**

The Acting Vice-Master reported that there would be a dinner on 28 June 2023, the date of the Annual Meetings of the Governing Body and Council, to mark the end of the Master's tenure.

**c) \*\*Arrangements for the Admission of the Master-Elect**

**(GB.2023.02.22.2.1c)**

Governing Body **confirmed** that the Master-Elect would be admitted on Friday 8 September 2023.

**d) Fellowship Engagement and Experience Working Group**

**(GB.2023.02.22.2.1d)**

The Master presented the proposal to establish a Fellowship Engagement and Experience Working Group. To make the membership as representative as possible, it was suggested that the Working Group include a Fellow with family commitments, and that the Chair's appointment fulfilled the requirement to have a Class 4 Fellow, allowing another Class 1-3 Fellow to participate. These suggestions were **noted** and would be fed back to the Chair. Subject to this point being resolved, the Governing Body **approved** the proposal.

**Action: Registrar**

**i) Terms of Reference**

**(GB.2023.02.22.2.1d.i)**

The Terms of Reference were **approved**.

**2.2 Senior Tutor's Business**

There was no business.

**2.3 Bursar's Business**

There was no business.

**2.4 Steward's Business**

There was no business.

**2.5 Student Business**

There was no business.

**3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**3.1 College Council**

- a) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2022**  
(GB.2023.02.22.3.1a)

Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

- b) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 30 November 2022**  
(GB.2023.02.22.3.1b)

Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

- c) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2023**  
**(unconfirmed)** (GB.2023.02.22.3.1c)

Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

**3.2 Statutes & Ordinances Committee**

- a) **\*Minutes of the meeting of 31 January 2023 (unconfirmed)**  
(GB.2023.02.22.3.2a)

Governing Body **noted** the minutes and **approved** the changes to the Statutes & Ordinances Committee Terms of Reference (Ordinance A, VIII) (GB.2023.02.22.3.2a.i).

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 Any other business**

There was no further business.

**4.2 Date of next meeting**

Friday 28 April 2023 at 19.05 (Admission of New Fellows).  
Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 2pm in the William Mong Hall.