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 Daniele, 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.a.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.