

Sidney Sussex College

The Minutes of
COLLEGE COUNCIL
Held in William Mong Hall
on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 2pm

In attendance:

Senior members:

The Master, Acting Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar, Ms Baskerville, Dr Bordin, Professor Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Dr Fulda, Dr Groom, Dr Lambert, Dr Öner, Dr Ranasinghe, Professor Reynolds, Dr Stasch

Student representatives:

Ms Mahmood (MCR President), Ms Morgan (JCR President), Mr Nicholas (JCR Vice-President), Mr Robertson (Student Representative)

Also present:

Ms Adams (College Registrar / Council Secretary)

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

1.1 Introductions and apologies for absence

The Master welcomed Mr Nicholas and Ms Mahmood to their first formal Council meeting. Apologies were received from Professor Garcia-Mayoral.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was **approved**.

1.3 Declarations of Interests

Item 2.6(c) (June Event Committee – ticket sales update): The Master declared a potential conflict as a possible recipient of free tickets, but Council **agreed** there was no requirement to withdraw.

1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Meeting of Council on 15 March 2023 (CC.2023.05.03.1.4)

The minutes were **confirmed**.

a) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Council **agreed** by circulation on 19 April 2023 that the Master and Senior Tutor sign as individuals, and not on behalf of the College, the flysheet prepared by the Chair of the Senior Tutors' Committee in support of the Graces before the Regent House regarding temporary amendments to Exam Regulations. The Master confirmed that both had signed and that the ballot was now open for voting.

2. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

2.1 **Master's Business**

a) **Inter-collegiate business**

The Master outlined the inter-collegiate business which had taken place since the previous Council meeting:

Senior Tutors' Committee

- The Senior Tutors' Education Committee was working with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) and the Department of Physics to resolve issues relating to the availability of Part II supervisors;
- The Committee had supported the Postgraduate Committee's recommendations to harmonise arrangements for exemptions and allowances of terms for Postgraduate Research students and some Postgraduate Part-Time students
- The Precautionary Action Task and Finish Group recommended that a risk assessment process be drafted for situations where a police, University or College procedure was ongoing.

- b) ***College Calendar 2023-24: Review** (CC.2023.05.03.2.1b)
The updated College calendar was **noted**.

2.2 **Senior Tutor's Business**

a) **Examination Term Education and Pastoral Arrangements** (CC.2023.05.03.2.2a)

The Senior Tutor reported on arrangements for the examinations term. Students had confirmed that use of the comparatively quieter Knox-Shaw Room for exams was preferable to rooms closer to Sidney Street. Council **noted** the update and senior members wished student members good luck on their exams.

- b) ****Approval of Foundation Year Programme: Memorandum of Understanding (2024 Entry)** (CC.2023.05.03.2.2b)
Council **agreed** to authorise the Senior Tutor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

2.3 **Bursar's Business**

2.4 **Development Director's Business**

a) **Establishment of The Gill Family Fund and Gift Agreement** (CC.2023.05.03.2.4a)

Council **approved** the proposal to accept a £200,000 gift to fund several Cambridge Bursaries, the School Liaison Officer post, and

BME Taster Days for a period of three years, and **agreed** in principle to establish The Gill Family Fund.

Council **noted** that the Fund Regulations would be presented to a future meeting for approval.

- b) **Revisions to 2018 A Farlow Gift Agreement (CC.2023.05.03.2.4b)**
In recognition of the donor's wishes, Council **approved** a minor amendment to omit regional restrictions for the allocation of Farlow Cambridge Bursaries.

2.5 Steward's Business

None,

2.6 Student Business

- a) ***JCR Lent Term Report and Plans for Easter Term**
(CC.2023.05.03.2.6a)

The report and plans were **noted**.

- b) ***MCR Lent Term Report and Plans for Easter Term**
(CC.2023.05.03.2.6b)

The report and plans were **noted**.

- c) **June Event Update** (CC.2023.05.03.2.6c)

The organisers had reported an unexpected £800 music licence cost carried forward from the 2022 May Ball, which could be covered by selling an additional 10 tickets above the 700 previously agreed. The Bursar noted that the proposal was supported by the Domestic Bursar.

Council **agreed** that an additional 10 tickets could be sold, and trusted that the organisers would not exceed agreed sales thresholds.

3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

3.1 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

- a) ***Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2023**
(CC.2023.05.03.3.1a)

The minutes were **noted**.

3.2 Education and Pastoral Care Committee

- a) ***Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2023**
(CC.2023.05.03.3.2a)

The minutes were **noted**.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Any other business

The Registrar confirmed that Committee Secretaries had been contacted to support development of an annual work programme (CC.220525.2.1d), which would be reported to the Annual Meeting on 28 June 2023.

4.2 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2023 in the William Mong Hall, following the reserved business of the Governing Body.