

**Sidney Sussex College**

The Minutes of  
**GOVERNING BODY**  
held in William Mong Hall  
on Wednesday 24 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, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, The Rev Dr Gray, Dr Groom, Dr Lambert, Dr Ranasinghe, Professor Reynolds, Professor Sepulchre, Dr Skinner, Dr Stasch, Dr Theil

**Student representatives:**

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

**Also present:**

Ms Adams (College Registrar / Council Secretary)

**UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

**1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

**1.1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Master welcomed Professor Martin Burton, Master-elect, who attended as an observer. Apologies were received from Professor Biagini, Dr Carter, Dr Eaton, Dr Meghji, Dr Öner, Dr Scalliet, Dr O Weller and from Mr Robertson (Student Representative).

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was **approved**.

**1.3 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Governing Body on 22 February 2023 (GB.2023.05.24.1.4)**

The minutes were **confirmed**.

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

Governing Body was reminded that the leaving dinner for the Master would be on 28 June 2023 in the evening, after the Annual Meeting; details were yet to be finalised.

## **2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

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

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

The Master outlined recent inter-collegiate business:

- The Colleges' Standing Committee had discussed possible processes for inter-collegiate decision-making; the paper would also be considered by the Senior Tutors' Committee and the Bursars' Committee, and in due course by the College Council;
- A working group consisting of Bursars and Senior Tutors was preparing a report on recommendations for reform of the Cambridge Bursary Scheme
- The Undergraduate Admissions Assessment working group agreed that there would be assessments for 2024 admissions round in similar subjects to those currently used; and
- An updated proposal for a mid-year Reading Week in Lent Term had now been circulated, which the College Council would be discussing.

#### **b) Development Director: Cover Arrangements for 2023-24**

The Master reported that Ms Ali James had been appointed on a fixed term contract as Acting Development Director during Ms Baskerville's maternity leave, with Mr Ranjit Majmudar appointed to provide ad hoc consultancy support on matters relating to Major Donors. Ms James would begin 3 July and Mr Majmudar would begin in September.

#### **c) Bursar Succession Planning**

The Master recognised the Bursar's achievements during her tenure, and that her leaving for a new role would be a great loss to the College. He reported that he and the Master-elect were working on the recruitment plan and would bring to Council a proposal for the use of consultants. It was hoped that the new Bursar would be in post in early 2024, but there would almost certainly be a requirement for interim arrangements.

### **2.2 Senior Tutor's Business**

- a) \*Academic and Pastoral Update (CC.2023.05.03.2.2a)**  
The update was **noted**.

#### **b) Marking and Assessment Boycott Update**

The Senior Tutor reported that the impact of the boycott remained a serious concern under active review. College celebrations would proceed as normal for the end of studies and General Admission, and the University aim was that there be no visible distinction at General Admission between finalists who have been awarded a

degree and those who have completed their studies but not yet received results. There remained a number of issues at University level, and the College would continue to make sure updates were provided regularly and students were reminded of support available from the Pastoral Team.

**2.3 Bursar's Business**

Nothing to report.

**2.4 Steward's Business**

Nothing to report.

**2.5 Student Business**

Nothing to report.

**3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**3.1 College Council**

- a) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2023**  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.1a)

The minutes were **noted**.

- b) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2023**  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.1b)

The minutes were **noted**.

- c) **Unreserved minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2023 (unconfirmed)**  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.1c)

The minutes were **noted**.

**3.2 Statutes & Ordinances Committee**

- a) **\*Minutes of the meeting of 2 May 2023** (GB.2023.05.24.3.2a)  
The minutes were **noted**.

- i. **\*\*Proposed amendments to Ordinance B, VI**  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.2a.i)

The amendments to paragraph 8, reflecting Council's decision of 15 March 2023 (CC.2023.03.15.6.1d) to extend the initial term of Fellowships in Class 1 from five to six years, were **approved**.

- ii. **\*\*Proposed amendments to Ordinance C, VII**  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.2a.ii)

The amendment to the title of the Ordinance was **approved**.

iii. **\*\*Proposed amendments to Ordinance D, XIII  
(GB.2023.05.24.3.2a.iii)**

The amendments to fix minor typographical errors in the Ordinance were **approved**.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

4.1 **Any other business**

There was no further business.

4.2 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 28 June 2023 (Annual Meeting) at 2pm in the William Mong Hall.