

Sidney Sussex College

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
GOVERNING BODY
held in William Mong Hall
on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 2pm

In attendance:

Senior members:

The Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar, Ms Baskerville, Professor Biagini, Dr Bordin, Dr Carter, Dr Doran, Dr Eaton, Dr Fulda, Dr Ganany, Dr Groisman, Dr Groom, Dr Lambert, Dr Millington-Burgess, Dr Noriega-Sánchez, Dr Öner, Professor Pollitt, Dr Ranasinghe, Dr Roddie, Dr Skinner, Dr O Weller

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

Governing Body welcomed the return of the Vice-Master from medical leave.

Apologies were received from Professor Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Professor Flewitt, Dr Flynn, Dr Galanakis, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, The Rev'd Dr Gray, Professor Reynolds, Dr Stasch and Dr Theil.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was **approved**.

1.3 Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared.

1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Governing Body on 24 May 2023

(AGB.2023.06.28.1.4)

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:

- Bursars' Committee: Agreement was sought from all Colleges for Cambridge Bursary Scheme (CBS) reforms, whereby all continuing students currently on the original CBS level would automatically be migrated to CBS2 levels, and all eligible students in medicine and veterinary medicine in the clinical years of the course would receive 'enhanced bursaries' at a CBS level.

b) **Annual College Plan 2023-24 (AGB.2023.06.28.2.1b)**

The Master reported that the development of an annual College Plan had been agreed by Council in May 2022 (CC.220525.2.1d) to better track the work of committees and groups, and to support Council's responsibility to set priorities and provide overall strategic direction. Governing Body, having general oversight of financial and other governance of the College, was invited to comment on the overall College Plan.

Governing Body welcomed the introduction of a College Plan and **agreed** that:

- Council consider the College Plan at its first Michaelmas Term meeting;
- The College Plan come to future annual meetings of the Governing Body and Council, with updates highlighted; and
- All College committees be invited to adopt a similar approach to prioritising key initiatives, and feeding details into the College Plan.

Action: Registrar

The 2023-24 College Plan was **adopted**.

2.2 **Senior Tutor's Business**

a) **Interim Tripos Report (AGB.2023.06.28.2.2a)**

The Senior Tutor tabled the report and noted that known examination outcomes were limited due to the on-going marking and assessment boycott, and the information available was not yet sufficient to allow for detailed analysis. He drew attention to access arrangements, which had doubled since the pre-pandemic years, particularly for anxiety, stress and/or mental health. Further analysis would continue through the summer as results became available.

The report was **noted**.

2.3 Bursar's Business

a) Cybersecurity Update (AGB.2023.06.28.2.3a)

The Bursar reported on the growing importance of managing cybersecurity risks, and the mitigation measures being implemented by the IT department which would necessitate some downtime for Sidnet and other College systems. She highlighted that the College's insurance providers now required that all individuals accessing Sidney systems undertake annual cybersecurity training.

The update was **noted**.

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 24 May 2023
(AGB.2023.06.28.3.1a)**

The minutes were **noted**.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Any other business

There was no further business.

4.2 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2023 (Audit Meeting) at 2pm in the William Mong Hall.