Sidney Sussex
COLLEGE

Unreserved Business minutes of the **College Council** on Wednesday 27 May 2026

Present:

Ex officio members	Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar
Elected members	Ms Baskerville, Professor Bordin, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, Dr Groom (via Teams), Dr Harasimov, Mr Ireland, Dr Sumnall, Dr Wilson-Lee
Student members	Ms Ellis (JCR President), Mr Sathiaseelan (JCR Vice-President), Mr Orders (Student Representative)
In attendance	Ms Ercan (Secretary)

Introductory business

901 Apologies for absence

Professor Biagini is on sabbatical. Professor Fruk and Mr Berry (MCR President) sent apologies.

902 Approval of agenda

The agenda was **approved.**

903 Declaration of interests

None.

904 Unreserved business minutes of 6 May 2026 (CC.2526/904)

Confirmed by circulation.

905 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda (CC.2526/905)

Noted.

Decision items

906 Student May Week event (JCR President) (CC.2526/906)

The JCR President gave an overview of the proposed arrangements and reported that the since the paper being written they have introduced tokens and a punch card system for food and drink. Council **agreed** to the proposal of a Student May week event on 25 June 2026, subject to the JCR President agreeing details with the Operational HODs.

Separately, thanks were extended to Dr Eaton for offering to become the Senior Member of the May Ball Planning Committee for 2027.

907 Q3 Management Accounts (Bursar) (CC.2526/907)

Agreed, on the recommendation of Finance and Needs Committee.

908 Draft College Budget 2026-27 version 1 (provisional for 2027-28 and 2028-29) (Bursar) (CC.2526/908)

The Bursar referred to the presentation given at the preceding Governing Body meeting.

Considered and **confirmed** the areas of further investigation for version 2, on the recommendation of Finance and Needs Committee.

909 Catering and conference accommodation charges (students, Fellows and external) (Bursar) (CC.2526/909)

Approved, on the recommendation of Catering and Accommodation Committee.

Discussion items

910 Catering Options (Bursar) (CC.2526/910)

Council **noted** the catering options containing proposed engagement strategies to reduce the deficit, and agreed all the options should be progressed further except active advertisements to the general public to use the servery.

911 5-year Conference Plan (Bursar) (CC.2526/911)

Council **noted** the 5-year conference plan and endorsed further exploration and development of all the outlined options.

912 Inter-collegiate business and other relevant issues (Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar)

As outlined in the inter-collegiate business update shared at the meeting of the Governing Body.

913 Progress update on Vision and Strategy (Master) (CC.2526/913)

As outlined in the progress update on Vision and Strategy shared at the meeting of the Governing Body.

Information item

914 Development and Alumni Relations' mid-year update (Development Director) (CC.2526/914)

The Development Director reported that the College will have one of the best fundraising years in its history. She highlighted that this may not be sustainable especially if the College wishes to start a major fundraising campaign and has therefore included funding in the budget to recruit a Senior fundraiser.

This item was **received** in acclamation and **noted**.

Policy items for approval

915 Dress Code & Uniform Policy (CC.2526/915)

Approved, on the recommendation of Health & Safety Committee.

916 Display Screen Equipment Policy (CC.2526/916)
Approved, on the recommendation of HR Committee.

917 Professional Development Review Policy (CC.2526/917)
Approved, on the recommendation of HR Committee.

918 Probation Policy (CC.2526/918)
Approved, on the recommendation of HR Committee.

919 TOIL Policy (CC.2526/919)
Approved, on the recommendation of HR Committee.

Reports from Committees

920 Health & Safety Committee 27 April 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/920)
Received.

Other business

921 Any other business
None.

922 Date of next meeting
Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 11.30am in the William Mong Hall.