Sidney Sussex
COLLEGE

Unreserved business minutes of **College Council** on Wednesday 25 February 2026

Present:

Ex officio members	Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar
Elected members	Ms Baskerville, Professor Biagini, Professor Fruk, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, Dr Groom, Dr Harasimov, Mr Ireland, Dr Ranasinghe, Dr Sumnall, Dr Wilson-Lee
Student members	Mr Bowyer (JCR Vice-President), Ms Ellis (JCR President), Mr Lastowiecki (MCR President), Mr Orders (Student Representative)
In attendance	Ms Ercan (Council Secretary)

Introductory business

601 Apologies for absence

Professor Bordin was on leave.

602 Approval of agenda

The agenda was **approved.**

603 Declaration of interests

None.

604 Unreserved business minutes of 28 January 2026 (CC.2526/604)

Confirmed by circulation.

605 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda (CC.2526/605)

Noted.

Decision items

606 Student Accommodation Proposals 2026-27 (Bursar) (CC.2526/606)

On the recommendation of the Catering and Accommodation Committee, and the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved**:

- A rent increase of 3.5% for 2026-27 in line with CPI(H) inflation, and
- Uplifting Sidney Bursaries by 5%

607 Proposed Summer Internships and Pay Rates 2026 (Bursar) (CC.2526/607)

On the recommendation of the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved** four internships for summer 2026.

608 Private Undergraduate Fee 2027-28 (Bursar) (CC.2526/608)

On the recommendation of the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved** a private undergraduate fee of £14,560 for 2027-28.

609 Review of current cash holdings (**Bursar**) (CC.2526/609)
On the recommendation of the Investment Committee, and the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved** the three short-term and three medium-term recommendations proposed.

610 Updated process for Parry Dutton funding applications (**Bursar**) (CC.2526/610)
On the recommendation of the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved** the updated process for Parry Dutton funding applications to align student applications to those of Fellows, as well as the increase of the 'normal' maximum application level to £3,000 per annum.

611 10 Jesus Lane (**Bursar**) (CC.2526/611)
On the recommendation of the Investment Committee, and the Finance and Needs Committee, Council **approved** the purchase of 10 Jesus Lane, and the funding of the purchase and associated redevelopment from the current surplus in operating cash funds.

Discussion items

612 Inter-collegiate business and other relevant issues (**Master, Bursar, Senior Tutor**)
No further updates were given beyond those provided at the Governing Body unreserved meeting.

613 EDI Committee Annual Report 2026 (**Admission Director**) (CC.2526/613)
Dr Ranasinghe, Chair of the EDI Committee, presented the Annual report which was **received**. It was noted that the report was not approved by the Committee as it was inquorate.

Information items

614 Data Protection 2025 Annual Compliance Report and report of the Data Protection Officer (**Bursar/Registrar**) (CC.2526/614)
Council **received** the Data Protection 2025 Annual Compliance Report and report of the Data Protection officer.

615 Flag Flying Schedule (**Bursar/Registrar**) (CC.2526/615)
Council **received** the Flag Flying Schedule for 2026.
Action: Registrar will check the policy for flag flying on St. George's Day and revert to Council.

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616 Annual Review of CCTV Policy (Bursar/Registrar)
Noted.

617 10-Year Major Works plan (**Bursar**) (CC.2526/617)

Noted.

618 College Finance: Q2 update (Bursar) (CC.2526/618)
Noted.

619 Vison and Strategy Progress Report (Master) (CC.2526/619)
Noted.

Policy items for approval

620 FoI Publication Scheme 3-yearly review (CC.2526/620)
Approved, on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

621 IT and Communication Systems Policy (CC.2526/621)
Approved, on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

622 Remote and Mobile Working Policy (CC.2526/622)
Approved, on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

623 Personal Device Use Restrictions (CC.2526/623)
Approved, on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

Reports from Committees

624 Health and Safety Committee 26 January 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/624)
Received.

625 Buildings and Environment Committee 2 February 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/625)
Received.

626 Catering and Accommodation Committee 5 February 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/626)
Received.

627 Investment Committee 11 February 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/627)
Received.

628 IT Committee 12 February 2026 (unconfirmed) (CC.2526/628)
Received.

Other business

629 Any other business
None**.**

630 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 2.00pm in the William Mong Hall.