



Unreserved business minutes of College Council on 15 October 2025

Present:

Ex officio members	Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar
Elected members	Ms Baskerville, Dr Bordin, Professor Fruk, Professor Garcia-Mayoral, Dr Groom, Dr Harasimov, Mr Ireland, Dr Ranasinghe, Dr Sumnall
Student members	Mr Bowyer (JCR Vice-President), Mr Lastowiecki (MCR President).
In attendance	Dr Carter (Interim Council Secretary)

Introductory business

201 Apologies for absence

Dr Wilson-Lee was on leave. Apologies were received from Professor Biagini and Mr Johnson.

202 Approval of agenda

The agenda was **approved**.

203 Declaration of interests

None disclosed.

204 Unreserved business minutes of 25 June 2025

(CC.2526/204)

Confirmed by circulation.

205 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda and decisions agreed by circulation

(CC.2526/205)

Noted.

206 Charity Trustees: Annual reminder of Code of Conduct, responsibilities and register of interests

Trustees were reminded that 15 October 2025 was the deadline for receipt of the completed and signed Code of Conduct (including eligibility declaration) and Trustee Interest Declaration for registration of potential conflicts of interest. The relevant Trustees completed and submitted these forms during the meeting.

Decision items

207 Vision and Strategy (V&S) (Master)

(CC.2526/207)

Council **approved** the final draft of the V&S strategies and specific targets paper. Noting the challenges of implementation, the Bursar reported that he would convene a meeting of the leads of the V&S workstreams before the next Council meeting. He advised that henceforth Council will be responsible for overseeing the progress of V&S delivery, and will therefore require time allocated to V&S at each meeting.

Action: Bursar

208 Strategic Priorities Fund (Bursar) (CC.2526/208)

Council **approved** the fund regulations for the Strategic Priorities Fund.

209 Fund budgets 2025–26 (Bursar) (CC.2526/209)

Council **approved** the recommendations of the Finance & Needs Committee regarding Fund budgets for 2025–26.

210 Policy for external events involving students (Senior Tutor) (CC.2526/210)

Council **agreed** to adopt the policy for external events involving students. It was confirmed that, under this policy, the Bursar and the Senior Tutor (or their delegated representatives) would be jointly responsible for reviewing and approving event organisers' submitted risk assessments.

211 Wine Committee terms of reference (Bursar) (CC.2526/211)

Council **approved** the Wine Committee's updated terms of reference for 2025-26.

212 Council effectiveness (Bursar) (CC.2526/212)

Council welcomed the circulation of schedules of known agenda items across the year.

Considering the suggestions for potential changes to the operation of Council, Council **discussed:**

- Concerns that increased delegation would lighten Council's workload only at the expense of other committees, and likewise that the proposed caps to length and volume of papers would reduce work only for Council members. The Bursar clarified that he had envisioned these caps applying to papers submitted to any college committee, albeit that the proposals would be trialled by Council and GB only initially.
- The importance of preserving a set-up in which all college committees feel able to turn to Council for additional steering, guidance, or approval.
- The advantages and disadvantages of providing timings per item. Council agreed that broad timing expectations for Council agenda items would be helpful and that this should be trialled.

Council **agreed** to trial the proposals set out and to ask the Bursar to set out a proposed scheme of delegation between Council/GB and committees for consideration by a future meeting of Council.

Action: Bursar

Information Items

213 Draft financial results 2024-25 (Bursar) (CC.2526/213)

The Bursar presented the headline figures prior to a full presentation of the accounts on 12 November 2025. Council **received** the draft results.

214 JCR Report on Easter term 2025 and plans for Michaelmas (JCR Vice-President) (CC.2526/214)

Council **received** the JCR report. The Vice-Master recorded special thanks to Mr Bowyer and the other JCR members involved in making Preparation Week a success.

Reports from committees

215 MCR Report on Easter term 2025 and plans for Michaelmas (MCR President) (CC.2526/215)

Council **received** the MCR report.

216 Development Committee Annual Report (Development Director) (CC.2526.216)

Council **received** the Development Director's report.

217 Use of College Seal

Council **noted** the following uses of the College Seal:

- Lease relating to 26-27 Sidney Street on 24 July 2025
- Rent Deposit Deed relating to 26-27 Sidney Street on 24 July 2025

Other business

218 Any other business

219 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 12 November 2025 (Audit meeting) at 15.00 in the William Mong Hall.