

Sidney Sussex College

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of

GOVERNING BODY

Held via Zoom on
Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Senior Members

The Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar
Ms Baskerville, Professor Biagini, Dr Bordin, Dr Carter, Dr Crossan,
Dr Duchinsky, Prof Eilstrup Sangiovanni, Dr Flynn, Dr Fulda, Dr Garcia-Mayoral, Dr
Rev'd Gray, Dr Groom, Dr Groisman, Dr Jackson, Dr Lambert,
Dr Noriega-Sanchez, Dr Oner, Dr Ranasinghe, Dr Roberts, Dr Schneider,
Prof Sepulchre, Dr Sumnall, Dr Theil, Dr Weller, Dr Wilson-Lee

Student Members

Ms Mahmood

Also in attendance:

College Registrar

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

1.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Prof Neely, Prof Pollitt, Prof Reynolds, Dr Ganany,
Dr Scalliet, Dr Skinner, Ms Kazani, Mr Lu, Ms Horvat-Mineh.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

1.3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Governing
Body on 25 May 2022** (AGB.2022.06.29.1.4)

The minutes were confirmed.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

2.1 Master's Business

a) Review of Fellows' experience – attraction and retention

The Master explained that it has been recognised that the collegiality of college has been more difficult to sustain over the period of the pandemic. It is proposed that next year the College set up a working group to review what would make the experience of being a Fellow at Sidney more enjoyable and attractive. If agreed to be formed, the working group could also consider whether benefits and College structures e.g. FAEC committee and the steward role, are fit for purpose in current environment.

In discussion, it was flagged that emeriti should be included in the review. The point was also made that it is as much about the holistic experience as benefits and that there are diversity considerations to reflect on from this perspective.

Governing Body **approved** the proposal.

2.2 Senior Tutor's Business

a) Tripos Report (interim) (AGB.2022.06.29.2.2a)

The Senior Tutor explained that the report was substantive but incomplete as only 60% results available. He also flagged that the students had had a very difficult experience as a result of the pandemic. All in all, the proportion of Firsts achieved so far matches the College performance pre-pandemic. The Senior Tutor wanted to note the efforts of Directors of Studies, Tutors, Tutorial staff and wider staff more generally. The Master asked if grade inflation had receded a bit with the return to the more usual exam format this year. The Senior Tutor noted that while the proportion of Firsts appeared to be lower than in the last two pandemic-affected years, it would be possible to give an accurate response in the final Tripos Report, which will benefit from the availability of university-wide data.

2.3 Bursar's Business

There was no business.

2.4 Steward's Business

There was no business.

2.5 Student Business

There was no business.

3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

3.1 College Council

- a) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 25 May 2022 (unconfirmed)
(AGB.2022.06.29.3.1a)

Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Any other business

There was no other business.

4.2 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 2pm (Audit Meeting)