

Sidney Sussex College

The Minutes of the

GOVERNING BODY

Held via Zoom on
Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance

Senior Members Present

Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar,
Ms Baskerville, Prof Biagini, Dr Bordin, Dr Carter, Prof Eistrup Sangiovanni, Dr
Fulda, Dr Garcia-Mayoral, Prof Greer, Dr Groom, Dr Ranasinghe, Prof Reynolds,
Prof Sepulchre, Dr Stasch, Dr Sumnall, Dr Wilson-Lee. Dr Groisman.

Student Members Present

Mr Lu

Also present

Ms Harkin (College Registrar) as Council Secretary
Ms Merlini (MCR Vice-President) as an Observer

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

1.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dr Doran, Prof Flewitt, Dr Flynn, Dr Scalliet,
Ms Horvat Menih, Ms Kazani, and Ms Mahmood.

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 23 February 2022 (GB.220525.1.4)**

The minutes were confirmed.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

None

2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

2.1 Master's Business

a) Format for Governing Body meetings from MT22

The Master proposed that Governing Body should move back to in person meetings from Michaelmas term 2022. The Vice-Master explained that the rationale was to use the fixed Governing Body meetings in Michaelmas term for consideration of the decisions related to electing the new Master and that these meetings were best carried out in person so that discussions could be carried out in confidence.

Governing Body **approved** the proposal.

2.2 Senior Tutor's Business

a) Academic and Pastoral Update

The Senior Tutor reported that the Tutors, Pastoral Leads and the Tutorial Office had been fully stretched supporting students faced with an unprecedented variety of often unfamiliar assessment modes, and dealing with the highest volume of access arrangements ever required. He noted that this pressure was likely to recur for the next few academic years, as COVID-impacted student cohorts flowed through Tripos, and Boards of Examiners continued to take advantage of the opportunity to experiment with blended assessment forms. Looking beyond the exam period, the Head of Student Wellbeing had identified three priority areas for the summer: proactive support for students due to return from an intermission period, early identification and outreach to students with Specific Learning Disabilities and Mental Health needs, and the wellbeing dimension of the planned Preparation Week.

b) Foundation Year Update (GB.220525.2.2b)

The Director of Admissions reported that the College had made four foundation year offers. Final subject choices were expected from the applicants in Michaelmas term 2022, although there was no guarantee that they would be offered their choice and they would need a 65% pass mark on the foundation year to progress. She explained that the challenge for the College and these students would be the transition to Tripos. Relevant Directors of Studies would be asked to meet the foundation year student in Michaelmas term. The University presentation on the foundation year, which had recently been delivered in college, had been useful in terms of providing the college community with information about the initiative.

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 23 February 2022
(GB.220525.3.1a)
Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

- b) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 16 March 2022
(GB.220525.3.1b)
Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

- c) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 04 May 2022 (unconfirmed)
(GB.220525.3.1c)
Governing Body **noted** the minutes.

3.2 Statute & Ordinances Committee

- a) *Minutes of the meeting 3 May 2022 (GB.220525.3.2a)
Council noted the minutes.
 - (i) **Ordinance D, I, 16 (Management of Total Return) – proposed amendment (GB.220525.3.2ai)
Governing Body **approved** the ordinance amendment.

 - (ii) **Ordinance B, VI, 7 (composition of Fellowships Re-election Committee) – proposed amendment (GB.220525.3.2aii)
Governing Body **approved** the ordinance amendment.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Any other business

There was no other business.

4.2 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 29 June at 2pm