

**Sidney Sussex College**

The Minutes of the

**ANNUAL MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY**

Held via Zoom on  
Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

**Senior Members Present**

Master; Vice-Master; Senior Tutor; Bursar; Professor Armstrong; Dr Bordin;  
Ms Carter; Dr Crossan; Dr Doran; Dr Duschinsky; Professor Flewitt; Dr Fruk;  
Dr Fulda; Dr Galanakis; Dr Gray; Dr Garcia-Mayoral; Dr Groisman; Dr Groom;  
Dr Muschitiello; Professor Neely; Dr Noriega-Sanchez; Dr Ranasinghe;  
Dr Roberts; Dr Roddie; Professor Sepulchre; Dr Seymour; Dr Stasch;  
Dr Sumnall.

**Also present**

Ms Harkin (College Registrar, as Council Secretary)

**UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

**1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

**1.1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Professor Greer, Professor Reynolds, Dr Flynn, Dr Oner, Mr Lowry; Mr Mettry; Mr Velazhahan, Ms Kazani

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved subject to the addition of a COVID update to Any Other Business.

**1.3. Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Governing Body on 26 May 2021 (GB.210630.1.4)**

The minutes were confirmed

**Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda****2.3b Kitchen project update**

The Bursar updated Governing Body on the current position. The project had formally completed, but with a few snags left to sort out on site and the lift had yet to be commissioned. The new Kitchen would be in full operation from September.

**2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS****2.1 Master's Business**

There was no business

**2.2 Senior Tutor's Business****a) Tripos Report (interim) – ST to report**

The Senior Tutor informed Governing Body that half of Sidney's undergraduate examination results were available but the College had not yet carried out the usual consistency checks so he would wait for this to be done before circulating the interim Tripos report. He emphasised the special challenges that students had experienced in respect of the examinations and informed Governing Body that there had been a 40% increase in special arrangements for students taking exams (60 undergraduates in total). The largest increase across the categories of reasons for requesting special arrangements was related to anxiety and mental health issues. There had also been a doubling in the number of intermissions – 30 undergraduate students were intermitting, and to date there were two student failures to report.

**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 of 26 May 2021 (not yet approved) (GB.210630.3.1a)**

The minutes were **noted**.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Any other business**

The Senior Tutor provided an update of the COVID situation in College. Numbers of positive cases had increased to eight to ten cases and a correspondingly higher number of students having to self-isolate. Two graduation events had been planned for this week but following the earlier Council discussion, the College would explore the viability of requiring attendees to take lateral flow tests in advance.

##### **4.2 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10 November 2021 2pm (Audit Meeting)