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**Clare College
Cambridge**

Monday 6 February 2023

A meeting of the Governing Body was held this day at 2pm Elton-Bowring Room.

Present: Ms Minghella, Dr Klee, Dr Pollard, Dr Tatulea-Codrean, Professor Parker, Dr Harris, Professor Gibson, Professor Dunajski, Professor van Veen, Professor Tasioulas, Professor Lazar, Professor Sanson, Professor Toxvaerd, Professor Friend, Dr Stillman, Professor Hughes, Dr Carter, Mr Ross, Professor Watson, Professor Chesters, Professor Laman, Professor Shorttle, Professor Lawson, Professor Budvytis, Professor Cabrera Serrenho, Professor Lockwood, Professor Hartnoll, Miss Conder, Professor Stranks, Professor Parmar, Professor Howarth, Professor Goodman, Professor Phillips, Professor Greenham, Professor Philpott, Professor Ogilvie, Professor Frolova-Walker, Professor Leadlay, Professor Franklin, Professor Paulson, Professor Sprik, Dr Follini, Professor Griffiths, Dr Guy, Dr Wilkinson, Professor Jacobs, Professor Rowitch

Apologies: Professor Lahr, Professor Hedley, Professor Jahn, Professor Weiss, Dr Foyster, Professor Cacho, Professor Wyburd, Professor Carroll, Professor Turner, Dr Burrows, Professor Berman, Professor Lewens, Professor Byrne, Professor Sterckx, Professor Preston, Professor Andrews, Professor Thomason

Student Representatives: Sally Edser (UCS), Jasmin Bath (MCR)

On Leave: Dr Maniscalco, Professor Clayton, Professor, Hodell, Professor Thompson, Professor Vinuales

MINUTES

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. ***Declarations of Interest***

There were no declarations of interest.

2. ***Matters Arising from the Unreserved Minutes of 7 November 2022 Meeting***

There were no matters arising.

3. ***Admissions Analysis***

Dr Carter presented the report on the latest admissions round, and expressed his thanks to all those involved in the admissions process, in particular the team in the Tutorial Office. He asked the Governing Body's to note the following:

- Offer numbers are higher this year than in the previous two years. The "cover ratio", which assumes a certain number of applicants will fail to make their offer, is in line with advice from the University Admissions Office that A-level grades are expected to return to normal this year.
- The College made more use of the winter pool this year than in previous years, with 28 offers made to high-ranking candidates. The number of applicants pooled by Clare and offered places by other Colleges also rose.

The Fellows in Music raised the difficulty of online interviews for candidates in their subject and reported that a letter is being prepared by the Faculty of Music to alert the University to the problems of online interviewing for this subject. The College Council is aware of this concern. The Master emphasised the importance, if at all possible, of all the colleges having a uniform approach to admissions.

The Master re-iterated her thanks to everyone involved in the admissions process, from staff in the Tutorial Office who undertake the mammoth task of co-ordination, to the Fellows who undertake the interviews.

4. ***Gardens Committee Proposal***

The Chair of the Gardens Committee asked the Governing Body to approve the committee's proposal for a re-design of the river beds in the Fellows' garden, and to approve the plan to seek funding for the re-design and re-establishment of other elements within the garden.

He explained that the proposal for the river beds is of a more contemporary design, and the planting will be more sustainable, resilient to climate change and lower maintenance than what was there originally. The estimated cost for this element of the garden re-design is in the region of £10k.

He also reported that the building works have had a bigger impact on the main borders than originally anticipated. The Governing Body approved the Gardens Committee plan to seek funds to appoint a landscape designer to assist with the re-design and re-establishment of the borders, while maintaining the spirit of Professor Wilmer's original designs for the garden.

It is hoped that the lawn in the Fellows' garden will be restored by the summer of 2024.

5. ***Any Other Unreserved Business***

The Master thanked all those who have participated so far in the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of co-education at Clare. She reminded the Governing Body that there is an interesting programme of music in the chapel this term as part of the anniversary celebrations, and there are also several events in the Master's Lodge to which Fellows have been invited - two book talks and a music recital.

The Fellow for Development noted that the questionnaire circulated to Fellows, staff, students and alumni had received an encouraging number of responses.

The Bursar asked the Governing Body to agree that all papers for future Governing Body meetings should be available in advance on Moodle. The Governing Body agreed that this would be the case, with agendas still circulated by email.