

Unconfirmed

**Clare College
Cambridge**

Monday 16 May 2022

A meeting of the Governing Body was held this day at 2.00pm in the Riley Auditorium.

- Present: Ms Minghella, Dr Zhang, Professor Parker, Dr Follini, Professor Lahr, Professor Gibson, Professor Griffiths, Professor Dunajski, Professor van Veen, Professor Tasioulas, Professor Lazar, Dr Stillman, Ms Wyburd, Professor Carroll, Professor Chesters, Professor Stranks, Professor Wolf, Rev'd Dr Smith, Professor Budvytis, Professor Jacobs, Mr Ball, Professor Hartnoll, Professor Howarth, Professor Paulson, Professor Goodman, Professor Thompson, Professor Greenham, Professor Philpott, Professor Lewens, Professor Ogilvie, Professor Frolova-Walker, Professor Sterckx, Professor Preston, Professor Hodell, Professor Franklin, Professor Thomason, Professor Andrews, Professor Sprik, Dr Guy, Dr Wilkinson
- Student Reps: Vithusan Kuganathan (UCS); Hannah Weber (UCS); Samantha Mason (MCR); Aliya Ali (MCR)
- Apologies: Dr Pollard, Dr Harris, Professor Hedley, Professor Jahn, Professor Holdstock, Dr Weiss, Professor Friend, Professor Hughes, Dr Carter, Mr Ross, Professor Turner, Professor Laman, Professor Chambers, Professor Maniscalco, Professor Rowitch, Dr Burrows, Professor Cabrera Serrenho, Professor Colleparado, Professor Phillips, Professor Clarke, Professor Clayton, Professor Byrne
- On Leave: Professor Sanson, Professor Toxvaerd, Professor Berman, Professor Prabhu, Professor Lawson, Professor Cacho, Professor Lestas, Professor Watson

MINUTES

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

1. ***Declarations of Interest***

There were no declarations of interest.

2. ***Unreserved Minutes***

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2022 were approved.

3. ***Matters Arising***

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 7 February 2022 meeting.

4. **2022 Committee Plans Update**

Dr Foster presented a draft programme of events for the 50th anniversary of co-education at Clare. This is still a work in progress, with speakers for some of the distinguished lectures yet to be confirmed. The Relics Regatta, which took place in April, was the first event of the anniversary year, but the official opening event will take place on 21 October with Polly O'Hanlon delivering the first of the distinguished lectures.

The Master confirmed that she is in touch with the Heads of House of Churchill and King's, and they will be invited to one of the events in Clare during 2022-23.

5. **Conservation Committee**

Dr Follini, chair of the Conservation Committee, advised the Governing Body that the Committee was in the process of drawing up a proposed '4-year plan' on how public rooms and the Fellows' Library are currently used by College members, as a part of its watching brief over alteration, modification, or addition to the fabric of the College. Further consultation is required before the plan is brought to Governing Body. Meanwhile, Dr Follini reported the following:

The painting of the Fellows' Library is underway but there is limited funding available to address many years of neglect. Advice from the architectural historian is that the room should be kept at a constant temperature, and the best solution for achieving a comfortable temperature which would allow people to actually work in the Library is heat pads on the floor covered by rugs. The peeling UV-filtering film on the windows is to be replaced and a new security system is being considered. As yet there is no agreement about how the Library space might be used – some feel it should be maintained as a quiet place for reading or study, while others feel it should be used for meetings, seminars and small group tours. Although there is no money currently available for furnishings, the fact that the Library is currently empty gives the College an opportunity to think about the space in a different way. Dr Follini asked the Fellowship to let Conservation Committee know how they feel the space might be best used.

The issue of the risk of further losses from the Library was raised. How does the College mitigate this risk? Professor Chesters is investigating security systems.

The committee is also watching the Godwin, Latimer, Domus and Thirkill rooms. The Senior Tutor emphasised that the Domus room is currently required for schools' outreach work and no change of use for the room should overlook this requirement.

6. **Old Court Update**

The Bursar reported that the noisy work has now stopped to accommodate the Trinity Hall quiet period. The current phase of work is scheduled to complete in early 2023, but there is serious pressure on costs and availability of materials. Some of the cost elements have doubled since work started in 2019. Phase 2 of the works will go out to tender this year.

7. **Any Other Unreserved Business**

There was no other unreserved business.