

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES (UNRESERVED)

2.00pm on Monday, 21 September 2020

by Zoom

Present (Reserved): Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Chair); Professor Jason Carroll; Dr Tim Chesters; Dr Maciej Dunajski; Professor John Gibson; Professor Jonathan Goodman; Dr Oliver Shorttle; The Rev'd Dr Mark Smith; Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Mr Paul Warren.

Present (Unreserved): and Mr Will Wood (MCR President).

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); Mr David Barton (UCS representative); and Dr Tamara Follini (Dean of Students).

1. **Apologies**

Dr Sian Lazar; and Ms Rosa Martin (UCS President).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Report on Freshers' Weeks Plans**

There will be a staggered arrival for both undergraduates (2 and 3 October 2020), and for graduates to allow for social distancing. Those students who need to self-isolate have been supplied with food boxes. There will be no events for parents.

Arrangements for the signing of the Matriculation book by undergraduates are being made, but the signing has been postponed for graduates. The Matriculation Dinner for undergraduates will be held in three different venues over two nights with students grouped by household. The Master will give a live speech, which will be

streamed to those different venues following the usual service in Chapel also live-streamed. Introductory talks will be a mix of live, virtual, and recorded. The UCS and the MCR are working hard to provide support and events to all the students including those in self-isolation.

(ii) **College Track and Trace system**

The University are launching a group testing proposal for households in all colleges. Alongside this the College will run its own track and trace system. It is hoped that all students will wish to participate in the weekly testing scheme and support each other. Students will be informed that a positive result will be shared with relevant Fellows, Staff, and their household in accordance with the College's Data Protection Policy. The University is also in the process of updating their Policy in conjunction with the group testing proposal. It is not possible to include Staff in the group testing due to capacity at present. The College Nurses will be on hand to provide advice on whether or not to ask for a test in addition to the group testing if they are feeling unwell.

(iii) **Guidance for Students and FAQ**

The Senior Tutor circulated the Guidance for Students and FAQ relating to COVID-19 and the College's Code of Conduct to Council. These will continue to be updated in line with the Government's guidance. Visitors to households will be suspended for the first few weeks of term and then reviewed. This would allow all students to arrive and settle into their households safely. Communication of this policy will be handled in a sensitive manner in consultation with both the MCR, the UCS, and the Dean of Students with regard to individuals' circumstances and living arrangements. It will still be possible for students from different households to meet outside and in communal or social areas. It is hoped that all students would support each other and the community to provide a safe space for everyone including those students and Staff, who are more susceptible to COVID-19. This would also be in line with other colleges. Council formally approved the Guidance for Students and FAQ.

(iv) **COVID-19 Regulation**

The Dean of Students circulated a proposed COVID-19 Regulation to Council. The colleges had been working together to find a common Code of Conduct for students across the collegiate University. This would include a general similarity in approach

if students did not adhere to that Code of Conduct. The colleges will continue to liaise with each other. Any action taken by the Dean of Students would involve speaking with the particular student and in collaboration with the Senior Tutor, College Nurse, and Tutor. This will be discussed further and in consultation with the UCS and MCR. It will be communicated in a sensitive manner. Council formally approved the COVID-19 Regulation.

(v) **Any Other Business**

None.

4. **RESERVED**

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

2.00pm on Monday, 5 October 2020

By Zoom

Distribution (Reserved): Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Chair); Professor Jason Carroll; Dr Andrew Carter; Dr Tim Chesters; Dr Maciej Dunajski; Professor John Gibson; Professor Jonathan Goodman; Dr Sian Lazar; Dr Oliver Shorttle; The Rev'd Dr Mark Smith; Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); Mr Paul Warren; and the Governing Body.

Distribution (Unreserved): Ms Rosa Martin (UCS President); and Mr Will Wood (MCR President).

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); Mr David Barton (UCS representative); and Dr Tamara Follini (Dean of Students).

Emma Easterbrook

23 September 2020