

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES (UNRESERVED)

2.00pm on Monday, 5 October 2020

By Zoom

Present (Reserved): Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Chair); Professor Jason Carroll; Dr Andrew Carter (from 2:10); Dr Tim Chesters (from 2:20); Professor Jonathan Goodman; Dr Sian Lazar; Dr Oliver Shorttle (from 2:05 and up to 3:00); The Rev'd Dr Mark Smith; Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Mr Paul Warren.

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

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); Mr David Barton (UCS representative); and Mrs Helen James (College Nurse) (for Item 3(v) and 3(vi); up to 3(vi)).

1. **Apologies**

Dr Maciej Dunajski; Professor John Gibson; and Ms Rosa Martin (UCS President).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Minutes of 21 September 2020**

Approved.

(ii) **Matters Arising**

- a. *Item 3(iv), COVID-19 Regulation:* The Dean of Students had continued to liaise with both the UCS and MCR, and this item will be discussed further at the next meeting of Council on 12 October 2020.

(iii) **Undergraduate Freshers' Week Update**

The Senior Tutor circulated the Freshers' Timetable for undergraduates. The UCS was formally thanked for their hard work to ensure students were put into streams, and household groups, and providing a range of in-person and online activities. The Matriculation Book signing had gone smoothly. The Matriculation Dinner will be held in three locations over two nights with the Service and the Master's speech beforehand.

(iv) **Graduate Freshers' Week Update**

The Senior Tutor circulated the Freshers' Timetable for graduates. The MCR was formally thanked for their hard work to provide a range of in-person and online activities. The Matriculation Dinner will be held over two nights with the Master's speech beforehand.

(v) **Coronavirus Alert System**

The College's coronavirus alert system has been working well for a number of weeks. The advantage with the College's system is that students are identified and assisted into self-isolation very quickly together with their household members. Food boxes are then arranged immediately. The University launched their own system on 2 October. The two systems will be reviewed to ensure that the process remains coherent for both the College and the students. The UCS and the MCR had provided excellent support and advice on social media and communications.

(vi) **Asymptomatic Testing Update**

'The University of Cambridge COVID-19 Asymptomatic Screening – Information for Colleges' was circulated to Council. At present capacity was limited to two people per pool but it was anticipated that this will be increased. A combination of the College's Data Protection Policy, the College's Data Protection Statement for Students, the Privacy notice for the document circulated, and the General Medical Council's guidance on 'Disclosing information about serious communicable diseases' will ensure that a student and any close contacts who may need to self-isolate can be contacted as soon as possible. The University had set up an 'agile project team' to monitor and manage issues relating to the two testing programmes for COVID and the use of the helpdesk and how it is operating.

(vii) **Any Other Business**

None.

4. **RESERVED**

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

2.00pm on Monday, 12 October 2020

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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 Mrs Helen James (College Nurse).

Emma Easterbrook

5 October 2020