

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES (UNRESERVED)

2.00pm on Monday, 10 October 2022

Domus Room, Old Court

Present (Reserved): Ms Loretta Minghella (Chair); Professor Jason Carroll; Dr Andrew Carter; Miss Elizabeth Conder; Professor Maciej Dunajski; Professor Sian Lazar; Professor Sarah Lockwood; Professor Fred Parker; Professor Oliver Shorttle; The Rev'd Dr Mark Smith; and Professor Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor).

Present (Unreserved): Ms Jasmin Bath (MCR President).

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); and Professor Tim Chesters (up to and including Item 4(iii); for Items 3(ix) and 4(iii)).

1. **Apologies**

Professor Jonathan Goodman.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Minutes of 7 July 2022**

Approved.

(ii) **Matters Arising**

None.

(iii) **Welcome to new members**

Welcome.

(iv) **Clare Garden Party 2022**

The Senior Tutor thanked the students and the staff for holding a successful Clare Garden Party at the Sportsground. It is hoped that there will be a Clare May Ball in Old Court this year on a smaller scale given the building works. This is to allow those students in their final year to experience a ball in Old Court before they graduate.

There will be further discussions about what will be possible later in the year together with discussions to ensure that the event is accessible to all in terms of pricing.

Council agreed to keep this item under review.

(v) **Freshers' Week 2022**

The Senior Tutor formally thanked the UCS and MCR Committees and the Tutorial/Admissions Office for their hard work in creating successful Freshers' Weeks. The Master formally thanked the Departments for supporting the events.

(vi) **Register of Interests 2022-23**

The Secretary will send out the annual email together with the Register of Interests 2022-23 form to be completed by the Trustees.

(vii) **College Committees and Membership**

The Academic Dean circulated an updated College Committees and Membership paper to Council. This included approval of the Choir Committee and the appointment of four Senior Choral Scholars as opposed to the usual two given the overall reduced number of Choral Scholars (four in total).

(viii) **Minutes of College Committees:**

- a. **OCIG: 18 July 2022 (DRAFT):** The Bursar will give an update on the Old Court project at the next meeting of the Finance Committee on 17 October 2022.

(ix) **Admissions 2021-22**

- a. **Report on Admissions Round 2021-22:** The College had received 915 applications, had made 154 offers, and had accepted 127 undergraduates for 2022-23. The matriculating cohort of 127 students is slightly smaller than in previous years (2021: 134; 2020: 150). This reflects AT caution over A-Level outcomes this round (the projected 'softlanding' transition to pre-2019 results). Male: Female ratios are roughly in line with expectations, but with a pleasing number of female scientists (30, or 45.5%). These students include 75.2% from state schools. Widening participation targets, set by the regulator for 2024-25, have been met or nearly met with three years to spare, with the College exceeding the POLAR4 (Q1+Q2) target for the first time. It was agreed that the Admissions Tutors will report on BAME data as and when it becomes available in the Easter term.

The importance of the Winter Pool was emphasised for both widening participation and ensuring academic excellence. The Council re-affirmed that all subjects need to compare their applicants with the university cohort of applicants. The mechanism of pooling-with-tag is an effective way of ensuring comparability.

All Admissions interviews will be virtual this year again. Admissions interviews this year will be between 5 and 16 December and subject coordinators are being set up now. The format for future years was under discussion. Council agreed that the Governing Body should be consulted as

to the College's view, Council will then come to a conclusion about the College's vote. It was also agreed that if there were a very clear view amongst all of the other colleges then Clare should support this majority view and the University.

Professor Tim Chesters formally thanked Professor Kirsty Hughes and Professor Howard Griffiths for their hard work as Admissions Tutors over the past year and welcomed Dr Andrew Carter, the new Admissions Tutor, for this coming year.

- b. **Open Days 2021-22:** Regarding Open Days and graduate recruitment there were Open Days in July and September. This included a new initiative with a stall system, which had proved very popular with prospective students. A number of Taster Days were also run, and a joint interview preparation day with Caius.

(x) **Any Other Business**

None.

4. **RESERVED**

5. **Date of Next Meetings**

All are at 2.00pm in the Elton and Bowring Room except when otherwise noted.

Monday, 14 November 2022

Monday, 27 February 2023

Monday, 21 November 2022 (joint with
Finance Committee)

Tuesday, 2 May 2023

Monday, 23 January 2023

Wednesday, 14 June 2022

Tuesday, 4 July 2022 (Master's Lodge)

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Distribution (Unreserved): Ms Jasmin Bath (MCR President); and Mr Vithusan Kuganathan (UCS President).

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); and Professor Tim Chesters.

Emma Easterbrook

12 October 2022