

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES (UNRESERVED)

2.00pm on Monday, 14 November 2022

Latimer Room, Old Court

Present (Reserved): Ms Loretta Minghella (Chair); Dr Andrew Carter; Miss Elizabeth Conder; Professor Maciej Dunajski; Professor Jonathan Goodman; 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): Mr Tom Else (MCR representative).

In Attendance: Miss Emma Easterbrook (Secretary); Mr Zak Bakkali (President, Clare May Event 2023) (up to and including Item 3(iii); for item 3(iii)); Ms Libby Beckett (Schools Liaison Officer) (up to and including Item 3(iv); for Item 3(iv)); Professor Heike Laman (Graduate Tutor); and Professor Ed Turner (Tutor for Access and Outreach) (up to and including Item 3(iv); for Item 3(iv)).

1. **Apologies**

Ms Jasmin Bath (MCR President); and Professor Jason Carroll.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Minutes of 10 October 2022**

Approved.

(ii) **Matters Arising**

None.

(iii) **Clare May Event 2023**

The President of the Clare May Event 2023 presented a proposal to Council to hold the Clare May Event 2023. The President agreed to consult the UCS more widely on the type of event to be held. This would include ensuring that the event is accessible to all in terms of pricing. Council reiterated its earlier decision that any end of year event should not be prohibitive in terms of price. Any priority should be for 3rd and 4th years as this will be their only opportunity to experience an event within Old Court before they graduate. Council formally gave permission to hold the event between 8.00pm and 2.00am on Monday, 19 June 2023 in Old Court for a maximum of 600 attendees. This was subject to a suitable pricing, compliance with any copyright legislation in

relation to the theme, and compliance with health and safety, particularly regarding the capacity of the venue. The President will investigate funding from the UCS. Decisions regarding use of rooms/spaces in College are deferred to the Bursar.

[The President of Clare May Event 2023 left.]

(iv) **Access and Outreach Update**

The Tutor for Access and Outreach and the Schools Liaison Officer gave a report to Council. The Programme had had a successful year providing a range of activities both online and in-person together with hybrid events. These included school visits for Years 6 to 9, and collaborative events for older pupils up to Year 12. Projects included STEM Smart; engaging with target areas such as Hackney, Coventry, and the Neale Wade Academy; and various other access events. The Programme had also created a strong relationship with the Museum of Zoology in a collaboration funded by the Isaac Newton Trust. There had also been increased collaboration with other Cambridge colleges and the University, and also Oxford colleges with the same target areas. The College's current students had acted as ambassadors to assist with these events, and the new website had also helped to advertise the College and its outreach and access work.

Early engagement with teachers and younger pupils was important but resourcing was primarily focused on older pupils. It was noted that a similar scheme for Arts and Humanities to that provided by STEM had its attractions, but at present there was no obvious resourcing, funding, or collaborative partnership available. The enhancement programme for Freshers had also been successful. The new College website will be used to promote the programme within the College.

Council thanked the Tutor for Access and Outreach and the Schools Liaison Officer for their hard work.

[The Tutor for Access and Outreach and the Schools Liaison Officer left.]

(v) **Graduate Admissions**

The Graduate Admissions Tutor circulated a report to Council. 117 students had been admitted for the year 2021-22, which was an increase overall of 5% given that the new graduate housing at Clare St Regis had come online. This included an increase on the previous year in PhD students from 20 to 39, in female students from 54 to 62, and in Arts from 27 to 48. The University continues to balance the number of PhD students amongst all of the colleges, and the target figure for Clare College for 2022-23 will be 29%.

Council formally thanked the Graduate Admissions Tutor and the Postgraduate Officer, Ms Yuanyuan Zhu, for their hard work.

(vi) **Minutes of College Committees:** for note only.

a. *OCIG: 28 September 2022*

b. *Computer Committee: 16 May 2022*

(vii) **Any Other Business**

a. *College position on interviews:* Dr Carter circulated a paper following a discussion at the last meeting of Governing Body on 7 November 2022. Council confirmed that, as stated at its previous meeting on 10 October, Clare would support the majority view of the colleges and the University. Council agreed by a majority that Clare would prefer the continuation of online interviews. The College would investigate making applicants more aware of opportunities to visit the College outside the interview process.

[*The Rev'd Dr Smith left.*]

4. **RESERVED**

5. **Date of Next Meetings**

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

Monday, 21 November 2022 (joint Monday, 27 February 2023

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); Mr Zak Bakkali (President, Clare May Event 2023); Ms Libby Beckett (Schools Liaison Officer); Professor Heike Laman (Graduate Tutor); and Professor Ed Turner (Tutor for Access and Outreach).

Emma Easterbrook

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