

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES (UNRESERVED)

2.00pm on Monday, 23 January 2023

Elton & Bowring 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): Ms Jasmin Bath (MCR President); and Mr Louis Bosnell (UCS 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)).

1. **Apologies**

Professor Jason Carroll; Ms Jessica Crow (Legal Officer, Clare May Event 2023); Mr Vithusan Kuganathan (UCS President); and Professor Charlie Weiss (Chair, Computer Committee).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Minutes of 14 November 2022 and 21 November 2022**

Approved.

(ii) **Matters Arising**

None.

(iii) **Clare May Event 2023:** update.

The President of the Clare May Event 2023 presented an update to the proposal for the Clare May Event 2023, which had been presented to Council at its meeting on 14 November 2022. The Event will be held on Monday, 19 June 2023 with a capacity of 600 people. The President had consulted the UCS more widely on the type of event to be held, and will ensure that the event is accessible to all in terms of pricing. Tickets will cost £99.00 for members of Clare, and approximately £140.00 for guests. Priority for tickets will be given to those students in their final year at the College. The President will liaise with the Financial Tutor to ensure a method whereby students facing financial hardship (anticipated to be those on Cambridge

Bursaries or those who are self-funded graduate students) will be able to apply for an award of up to £50.00 towards the purchase of their ticket. The President also circulated a paper to Council on the proposed theme. Council formally approved of the theme.

(iv) **Annual Report of the Computing Committee**

The Chair of the Computing Committee, Professor Charlie Weiss, circulated the Annual Report of the Computing Committee.

(v) **Admissions Report**

Dr Carter, Admissions Tutor for Sciences, circulated the Admissions Report and the Admissions data cumulative overview 2012 – 22 to the Council. There were 910 applications, 287 of which were deselected before interview. There were 177 offers made for entry in October 2022. This year showed a reduction in the number of offers made to candidates in the POLAR 1 and 2 quintiles. This was due to a lower number applying and appears to be reflected across the University. Encouragingly, other metrics of widening participation have held up well: particularly Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), which at 21% has already met the Office for Students (OfS) target for 2024-25. Furthermore, the number of offer holders eligible for free school meals made up 8% of total offers (up from 6% last year). The College has also made offers to Link School candidates. The State: Independent ratio is 68%, which is above the OfS target of 64%. Meanwhile, the College continued the trend of making more use of the Winter Pool this year. The Admissions Tutors formally thanked the Senior Tutor, the Subject Coordinators, interviewers, and the Tutorial/Admissions Office for their hard work during the admissions process. Council reiterated those formal thanks and thanked the Admissions Tutors.

(vi) **Website Report**

Professor Goodman circulated a report to Council on the new website, and feedback was welcomed. The new Communications Manager, Mrs Sally Hodges, will take over the running of the website going forward. Council formally thanked all those who had contributed to the project, particularly Professor Goodman and the Deputy Head of the Tutorial/Admissions Office, Miss Annie Muston.

Decision: *Council approved of the Working Group (College website) continuing to review the website.*

(vii) **College Committees and Membership**

The Fellowship Registrar circulated an updated list of College Committees and Membership to Council.

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

- a. *OCIG:* 7 December 2022; and 2 November 2022.
- b. *Computer Committee:* 28 November 2022.

c. *Library Committee*: 24 May 2022.

(ix) **Any Other Business**

None.

4. **RESERVED**

5. **Dates of Next Meetings**

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

Monday, 27 February 2023

Wednesday, 14 June 2022

Tuesday, 2 May 2023

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 Jessica Crow (Legal Officer, Clare May Event 2023); and Professor Charlie Weiss (Chair, Computer Committee).

Emma Easterbrook

24 January 2023