



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council in the Harrison Room
at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 12 March 2024*

There were present the Master, Dr Beauregard, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Dr Milbank Robinson, Dr Sewell, Professor Tasker; the JCR President, Ms Zogi Shala; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Chakravarty; the MCR President, Ms Fox-Wiltshire, and the MCR Treasurer, Mr Corcoran. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2024.43 Starred Items*
Council confirmed that starred items should not be discussed. The minutes of the Library and Archives Committee were unstarred.
- cc2024.44 Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2024.45 Apologies for Absence*
There were no apologies for absence.
- cc2024.46 Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 13 February 2024*
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- cc2024.47 Matters Arising*
- i. Timetable of meetings (cc2024.055)*
It was agreed that the timetable of meetings for 2024-25 should be revised and that the date of Governing Body should be brought forward to week 4, to facilitate the flow of business from Governing Body to College Council. Post-meeting note: It was agreed that meetings of College Council will take place in weeks 1, 5 and 8.
- cc2024.48 Private Undergraduate College Fee*
Council agreed the increase in the private undergraduate College fee for 2025-26 (CP2024/019).
- cc2024.49 University Freedom of Speech Policy*
The Master reported on the draft University Freedom of Speech Policy (CP2024/020). Colleges will need to have a code of practice in place by Michaelmas

2024, based on the University policy, which is compliant with current legislation. The policy will be owned by the College, since the legal responsibility for freedom of speech rests with the charity, and will apply also to the activities of the JCR and MCR. It would not apply to commercial bookings. Council agreed that the Prevent Committee should oversee the policy and that it would be shared with Governing Body and approved by Council.

- cc2024.50 Library and Archives Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Library and Archives committee held on 7 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/021). In relation to photography, Council noted that the college is a public space where the ability to opt out of photography at large events is limited.
- cc2024.51 HR Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the HR Committee held on 8 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/022).
- cc2024.52 Alumni and Development Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Alumni and Development committee held on 9 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/023).
- cc2024.53 Access Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Access committee held on 14 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/024). The process of recruitment is underway for the post of Northern School Liaison and Outreach officer. The Senior Tutor encouraged colleagues to come forward to participate in the many outreach events taking place this spring and summer.
- cc2024.54 Gardens Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Gardens Committee held on 16 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/025).
- cc2024.55 Accommodation Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on 27 February 2024 (CP2024/026a) were received and noted. Council approved a rent increase of 3.0% for 2024-25. Council noted that the increase is one percentage point lower than CPI by December 2023 (4.0%), the measure used to increase costs to the College in respect to providing student accommodation (CP2024/026b).
- cc2024.56 Sustainability Working Group*
The minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Working Group held on 28 February 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/027).
- cc2024.57 Finance Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1 March 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/028).
- cc2024.58 Compliance Committee*

The minutes of the meeting of the Compliance Committee held on 4 March 2024 were received and noted (CP2024/029).

cc2024.59

College Diary 2024-25

Council reviewed the first draft of the College diary for 2024-25 (CP2024/030). Colleagues were urged to check the draft carefully, especially since the dates of full term fall later in 2024-25 than in recent years.

cc2024.60

Trustee Training

The Bursar reminded senior members of College Council that the College will provide Trustee training run by HCR Hewitsons on 20 March 2024 from 1pm-4pm (CP2024/031). All senior members of Council should attend.

cc2024.61

Any Other Unreserved Business

i. Update on the Cripps Court solar panels refurbishment

The preferred tender outcome for the work on solar panels and water pressure in Cripps Court is 11% over the initial estimate and the total project cost based on the tender stands at £389,000. The contract needs to be appointed before Easter for delivery in summer 2024; the Operations Committee has scheduled a decision meeting is for 20 March 2024. The Bursar thanked the Master and the Development Director for writing to the Cripps Foundation to see what, if any, increase to their £175k contribution might be possible.

ii. MCR and JCR Open Meeting

The MCR treasurer raised the question of a resolution proposed for an open meeting of the MCR on the subject of the conflict in Gaza. The wording of the MCR motion was not seen by Council and Council felt it could not form any view for that reason. The JCR wording is under discussion through its Faith and Beliefs Committee. In view of HE legislation, Council recommended continued consultation on the wording with the Senior Tutor and law fellows.