



**MINUTES**  
*of a meeting of the College Council in the Harrison Room*  
*at 1:10 pm on Tuesday 30 April 2024*

There were present: The Master, Dr Beauregard, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson (until item cc2024.84), Dr O'Donnell, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Dr Reinbold, Professor Tasker; the JCR Vice-President, Mr Chong; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Chakravarty; and the MCR Treasurer, Mr Corcoran. Dr David Smith was in attendance as Acting Secretary.

**UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

*cc2024.70      Starred Items*

Council confirmed that starred items should not be discussed.

*cc2024.71      Statement of Conflicts of Interest*

There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.

*cc2024.72      Apologies for Absence*

Apologies were received from Dr Sewell, Dr Woodford, and the MCR President, Ms Fox-Wiltshire.

*cc2024.73      Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 12 March 2024*

The minutes were agreed and signed.

*cc2024.74      Matters arising*

There were no matters arising.

*cc2024.75      Risk Assessment*

Council noted that the headline risks presented in Appendix B of **CP2024/035** remained unchanged. For the single red risk (C,1 – Increased and unsustainable budget deficits), the current year outturn is likely to be improved by one-off legacies, but the long-term position remains a concern. Among the amber risks (G, 1, 2, 3 – Successful cyberattack, major data breach and major IT operational outage), recent events at the British Library and at the Clinical School Computing Service (CSCS) indicated the gravity of the potential risk and the IT and Data Committee would be asked to consider further possible protective measures.

*cc2024.76      Total Return Calculation*

The Bursar introduced **CP2024/036**. Council agreed that the ceiling of the potential drawdown should remain unchanged at 3.5%, and that the percentage

drawdown in the spending rule for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 should be reduced to 3.125%. It was agreed that the Governing Body would discuss this subject further at its Michaelmas Term meeting.

cc2024.77

*CUFC Partnership Proposal*

The Master introduced **CP2024/037**. Council noted the desirability of Cambridge Colleges working more closely with local charities and welcomed the proposal for a partnership between Selwyn and the Cambridge United Foundation. Council noted the volunteering opportunities that such a partnership might offer for both students and Fellows. The Master agreed to take this proposal forward with the Foundation and to develop it in conjunction with the JCR and MCR committees and members of the Fellowship.

cc2024.78

*IT and Data Committee*

The minutes of the meeting of the IT and Data Committee held on 8 March 2024 were received and noted (**CP2024/038**). Council noted the importance of providing GDPR training for Fellows, especially Tutors.

cc2024.79

*College Diary*

Council noted the revised timetable of Council and Governing Body meetings (**CP2024/039**) and approved the current draft of the College Diary (**CP2024/040**) subject to the amendments that the Patrons' dinner should be moved to 4 March 2025 and the meeting of the Investment Committee to 16 July 2025. Council agreed that this revised version could then be released and uploaded but noted that Fellows should be aware that it remained 'work in progress' and the dates of some events and meetings, particularly those for committees, could only be finally determined at a later date.

cc2024.80

*Any Other Unreserved Business*

There was no other Unreserved Business.