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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

GOVERNING BODY Confirmed Minutes

Sixty-seventh meeting of Governing Body, 5 February 2020

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Present: Dr Anthony Freeling (President, Chair), Dr Hilary Burton (Vice-President), Mr Mark Anderson, Dr Stephen Axford (Director of Research Translation), Dr Mark Bale, Mr William Charnley, Dr Othman Cole, Mr Martin Coleman, Dr Bart de Nijs, Prof Gishan Dissanaike, Prof John Doorbar, Dr Lydia Drumright, Prof Ming-Qing Du, Dr Peter Dudley, Mrs Victoria Espley (Bursar), Prof Emanuele Giovannetti, Dr Danika Hill, Dr Sarah Hoare, Dr Sonia Ilie, Dr Agnieszka Iwasiewicz-Wabnig, Dr Philip Johnston (Senior Tutor), Dr Alastair Lockhart, Dr Andrew Mackintosh, Prof William Nuttall, Dr Ajith Parlikad, Mr Tim Pilkington, Mrs Laurel Powers-Freeling, Dr Aisling Redmond, Dr Corinne Roughley, Dr Ricardo Sabates, Dr Carole Sargent, Dr Kishore Sengupta, Dr Eugene Shwageraus, Dr Jeffrey Skopek, Dr Jacob Stegenga, Dr Martin Steinfeld, Prof Andreas Stylianides, Prof Paul Tracey, Dr Lars Vinx, Prof Rupert Wegerif, Dr Clive Wells, Dr Jessica White, Dr Nigel Yandell.

In Attendance: Mr Bill Conner (Director of Institutional Advancement, to item 67.8), Prof Neil Mercer (Senior Independent Fellow, to item 67.8).

Apologies: Prof Jonathan Powell (Pro-Vice-President), Dr Heather Blackmore, Dr Bernard Devereux, Dr Markus Gehring, Dr Fernando Gonzalez-Zalba, Mr Nick Gray, Prof Bill Irish, Prof James Kaufman, Dr Yury Korolev, Prof Nidhi Singal, Mrs Wendy Solomou (Secretary to Governing Body), Dr Caroline Trotter, Dr Vanessa Wong.

On leave: Dr Paula Banca, Dr Sara Hennessy, Dr Suzanne Turner.

Absent: Prof Michael Barrett, Dr Stephen Cave, Dr Claire Donnelly.

OPEN BUSINESS

67.1. Introduction

67.1.1. Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

67.1.2. Declarations of Interests (Open Business)

There were no declarations of interests.

67.2. Minutes and Matters arising from the Open Business of the Sixty-sixth meeting of Governing Body, 27 November 2019

67.2.1. Approval of minutes (GB67 01)

Governing Body approved the minutes as an accurate record, subject to the following correction: Amend 66.7 'Governing Body was in favour of aiming for a 40:60 ratio for the following reasons:' to 'Governing Body noted the following reasons for a suggested 40:60 ratio'

67.2.2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

67.3. President's Report

The President noted that the College is a busy place at present, with things generally working well internally and the College reputation continuing to grow around the University. There had been much progress, including funding discussions, in the Bridge project.

He wished to note some significant external events that were likely to have an impact on the College.

- This meeting was the first meeting of the Governing Body since the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.
- The continuing global coronavirus outbreak was very much on people's minds. Cambridge University was likely to be affected eventually, he noted that the Senior Tutor and Bursar were much involved in University arrangements to manage any impact on the University.
- The University and College Union has called for further industrial action, starting at the end of next week.
- Extinction Rebellion has planned a blockade of the city.
- The College needs to react and support staff and students as well as possible amid these challenges.

67.4. MCR President's annual report (GB67 02)

The MCR President's report was received.

The Senior Tutor commended the work of the MCR President and noted how active the committee was. The Bursar also commented on the positive relationship and good communication with the MCR Committee and wished to record the positive work done by the Green and Ethical Officer in particular.

The Vice-President commended the MCR President's report and, in particular, the levels of work and dedication to inclusivity shown by the committee.

The President said he would write to the MCR President to convey the Governing Body's appreciation

67.5. Senior MCR Treasurer report

The Senior MCR Treasurer (Sonia Ille) reported verbally that she meets regularly with the MCR President and Treasurer. She reported the following points of note:

- No significant challenges this year; the MCR is keeping within budgets (budget set per student capita, plus underspend last year), so is in a good financial position.
- Welfare budget allocation has been welcome and visible to the student body.
- Substantial spend on the weekly tea-and-cakes is considered worthwhile.
- The MCR appears to have a happy social life, and the student bar is breaking even or making a small profit.

The President expressed thanks to the Senior MCR Treasurer who reaches the end of her term in the post, and he encouraged members of the Governing Body to consider standing for the role.

67.6. Structure and governance for Hughes Hall initiatives (GB67 02 A)

The Bursar spoke to the paper, noting that as the Bridge Centres develop it is important to make appropriate arrangements for governance and funding oversight etc., and proposing the formation of a working group to review requirements in this area.

A general discussion referred to various areas of the proposal. These included:

- The need to liaise with the Charity Commission; the group will obtain legal guidance to ensure arrangements are appropriately set up.
- The terms 'institute' and 'centre' have a special meaning in the University which may have implications for their use and expectations about them.
- It was confirmed that Education is a Theme and not a Centre, and that Oracy is a Centre and not a Theme.

Governing Body approved the proposal to set up of a Working Group to include Victoria Espley, Bill Conner, Andrew Mackintosh, Martin Coleman, Stephen Axford and Laurel Powers-Freeling, calling on various stakeholders as required. The Working Group will report to Council and then to Governing Body in the Easter term.

67.7. Management accounts update (GB67 03)

The Bursar introduced the update, noting concern about an anticipated drop in summer school business from Asia due to Coronavirus, and commenting that the conference team is assessing the risk and looking to diversify that area. Reference to 'kitchens' in the report applies to 'kitchens and conferencing'.

67.8. Any other Open Business

There was no other Open Business.

End of Open Business