

#### **GOVERNING BODY**

#### **Confirmed minutes**

## Eighty-first meeting of Governing Body 16 March 2022

## Pavilion Room at 5.30pm

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Present: Dr Anthony Freeling (President, Chair, to item 81.19), Prof Nidhi Singal (Vice-President), Dr Stephen Axford, Dr Jimmy Chan, Mr William Charnley (to item 81.19), Dr Bart de Nijs, Prof Gishan Dissanaike, Prof John Doorbar (to item 81.19), Dr Peter Dudley (from item 81.3), Dr Markus Gehring, Prof Emanuele Giovannetti, Dr Sarah Hoare, Dr Sonia Ilie (from item 81.3), Prof Bill Irish, Dr Agnieszka Iwasiewicz-Wabnig, Dr Tobias Kohn, Dr Yury Korolev, Dr Alastair Lockhart, Dr Andrew Mackintosh, Dr Tori McKee (Senior Tutor), Mr Jonathan Newby (Bursar), Prof William Nuttall, Prof Jonathan Powell (to item 81.19), Dr Corinne Roughley, Prof Ricardo Sabates, Dr Carole Sargent, Prof Kishore Sengupta, Prof Eugene Shwageraus, Prof Andreas Stylianides, Prof Paul Tracey (from item 81.3), Prof Rupert Wegerif, Dr Clive Wells, Dr Jessica White.

**In Attendance:** Mr William Conner (Director of Institutional Advancement, to item 81.8), Ms Emily Farnworth (Co-Director of the Centre for Climate Engagement, for item 81.4), Prof Neil Mercer (Senior Independent Fellow, to item 81.8), Mrs Wendy Solomou (College Secretary and Fellowships Manager, Secretary).

**On leave:** Dr Paula Banca, Prof Michael Barrett, Dr Jeffrey Skopek, Dr Jacob Stegenga, Dr Martin Steinfeld.

**Apologies:** Mr Mark Anderson, Prof Tamsin Ford, Prof Sara Hennessy, Miss Mahnaz Malik, Mrs Laurel Powers-Freeling, Dr Livia Tomova, Dr Caroline Trotter, Prof Suzanne Turner, Dr Lars Vinx, Dr Nigel Yandell.

Absent: Dr Othman Cole, Dr Riikka Hofmann, Prof Ajith Parlikad.

## **OPEN BUSINESS**

### 81.1. Introduction

#### 81.1.1. Welcome

The President noted that Dr Kohn was attending his final Governing Body meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as Assistant Professor for Computer Science Education at Utrecht University. He

thanked Dr Kohn for his contribution to the College, which included membership of College Council and Chair of House Committee. The President also mentioned that Dr Roughley would be leaving her post as Deputy Senior Tutor at the end of term, although would continue as Fellow. He thanked her for her contribution to Hughes over many years.

### 81.1.2. Declarations of interests (Open Business)

There were no declarations of interests.

#### 81.2. Minutes and Matters arising from the Open Business of Governing Body, of 9 February 2022

## 81.2.1. Approval of minutes (GB81 01)

Governing Body approved the minutes as an accurate record.

## 81.2.2. Governing Body action list: Open Business

There were no items on the action list.

# 81.2.3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

There were no other matters arising.

#### 81.3. President's report

The President said that he was pleased to see life in College returning to normal, despite the recent rise in COVID rates. He reported that staff had been informed that they should return to working in College for at least four days a week (or equivalent for those working part-time). He acknowledged that there were varying levels of anxiety about the lifting of restrictions and hoped that people would be responsible and follow government advice to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

The President reported that he had used his powers under Statute [III, 4] to determine the College's response to a student's breach of discipline not provided for in the College Statutes, Ordinances, and student policies. He briefly outlined the incident, and the outcome, which had been to issue a warning to the student rather than convening a disciplinary panel.

Finally, the President asked Fellows to encourage colleagues in their respective departments and across the University to consider applying to join the College as a GB Fellow or a By-Fellow.

# 81.4. [CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] Funding proposal for the Centre for Climate Engagement (GB81 02) {REDACTED}

#### 81.5. MCR President's annual report (GB81 03)

Governing Body received the MCR President's annual report. The President called for a vote of thanks for the MCR President and Committee, which was enthusiastically endorsed. The President said that he would write to the MCR President to convey Governing Body's appreciation of all that the MCR Committee had achieved in helping the College return to normality.

Dr Dudley, Honorary MCR Senior Treasurer, reported that he had met with the MCR Treasurer and that following a quiet year the accounts were in good order, although showed an underspend. He said that

the MCR had discussed plans to use the surplus and that a more detailed report would be submitted to Council at its next meeting.

# 81.6. [CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] Update on estates' strategy (GB81 04) {REDACTED}

# 81.7. Management accounts update (GB81 05)

The Bursar presented a summary of the management accounts to 31 January 2022 (Month 6). There were no questions raised.

# 81.8. Any other Open Business

There was no other Open Business.

End of Open Business WS