HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

GOVERNING BODY

Confirmed minutes

Ninety-fourth meeting of Governing Body 8 May 2024

In person at 5.30pm

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Present: Sir Laurie Bristow (President, Chair), Dr Farah Ahmed (from item 94.3), Dr Jimmy Chan, Mr William Charnley, Dr Othman Cole (from item 94.2.3), Prof Gishan Dissanaike, Prof John Doorbar, Dr Peter Dudley, Ms Emily Farnworth, Prof Emanuele Giovannetti, Dr Sarah Hoare (to item 94.7), Dr Sonia Ilie, Dr Agnieszka Iwasiewicz-Wabnig, Dr Vasiliki Mavridou, Dr Tori McKee (Senior Tutor), Mr Jonathan Newby (Bursar), Prof William Nuttall, Prof Ajith Parlikad (from item 94.3), Prof Jonathan Powell, Dr Corinne Roughley, Prof Jorge Santos, Dr Carole Sargent, Dr Guillermo Serrano Nájera, Prof Eugene Shwageraus, Dr Jeffrey Skopek, Dr Martin Steinfeld, Prof Paul Tracey, Prof Caroline Trotter (from item 94.2.3 to item 94.7), Prof Harro van Asselt, Dr Lars Vinx, Dr Clive Wells, Dr Jessica White, Kerry Wilson, Dr Nigel Yandell.

In Attendance: Mrs Wendy Solomou (Secretary to Governing Body).

On leave: Prof Riikka Hofmann, Prof Ricardo Sabates, Prof Jacob Stegenga, Prof Andreas Stylianides.

Apologies: Prof Nidhi Singal (Vice-President), Dr Paula Banca, Prof Michael Barrett, Dr Bart de Nijs, Prof Tamsin Ford, Dr Markus Gehring, Prof Sara Hennessy, Prof Bill Irish, Ms Mahnaz Malik, Dr David McCay, Prof Neil Mercer (Senior Independent Fellow), Mrs Laurel Powers-Freeling, Dr Perla Pucci, Prof Kishore Sengupta, Prof Suzanne Turner, Prof Rupert Wegerif.

OPEN BUSINESS

94.1. Introduction

94.1.1. Welcome and apologies

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

94.1.2. Declarations of interests (Open Business)

There were no declarations of interests.

94.2. Minutes and Matters arising from the Open Business of Governing Body, of 13 March 2024

94.2.1. Approval of minutes (GB94 01)

Governing Body approved the minutes as an accurate record.

94.2.2. Governing Body action list: Open Business

There were no items on the action list.

94.2.3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

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94.3. President's report

The President reported the following:

- Recruitment to the Post of Impact Director – the field of applicants for this key appointment had been strong. The successful candidate was due to start in June, with recruitment of the next generation of Bridge Fellows to follow.
- Research Fellows and Research By-Fellows competition – had likewise attracted a strong field and would soon be concluded. The President thanked Prof Singal, as Director of Research, for leading the process.
- The Senior Members' Symposium - had been well received and attended and had drawn together a wide range of disciplines, under an overarching ethical theme.
- The new MCR Committee had been elected.
- Development - the Development Director would be working closely with College Officers, and Fellowship on a campaign for the College's approaching 140th anniversary. The President thanked Dr Iwasiewicz-Wabnig and Prof Nuttall for representing the College at alumni events in Palo Alto and New Delhi.
- The Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 - required the College to have a formal Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech in place by 1 August. The proposed Code would be brought to GB, via Council, to the next meeting.
- Pro-Palestinian protesters were occupying the front of King's College. The University had issued a statement supporting academic freedom, freedom of speech, and the right to protest within the law.

The President invited Fellows to put their names forward for committee vacancies arising from 1 September (Admissions, Audit and Risk, Estates, Fellowships, and Governance). He thanked those Fellows who had already agreed to stand for a second term. Elections would be held at the 12 June meeting.

The President invited the Senior Tutor to give an update on the future funding for the Pathways programme. Dr McKee reported that the College had been successful in its bid to raise funding from the Isaac Newton Trust and the University's College Wellbeing Stimulus Fund. The funding, which was secured to 31 December 2025, would allow the College to build on the pilot scheme. She said that the University's Department of Education's research on the efficacy of the Pathways pilot would be presented at a later meeting.

90.4. Development strategy update

The Development Director reported that the current focus was on building capacity, engagement, and developing systems. In particular:

- engagement and putting alumni at the centre remained a priority – the Development Office were continuing to increase contact with alumni with news of the College, individual meetings, and organised events so that alumni could meet each other and with college members.
- Following an external data audit, work was in progress to improve the way data were recorded and managed, particularly for overseas alumni. A fundraising forecast would be presented at the meeting of 12 June.
- A review was underway of the criteria for scholarship and bursary funding, and the ways in which stewardship of donors and reporting to donors was managed.
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The Development Director thanked Fellows for their and support and encouragement and asked them to let her know about their research, success and new projects and whether they could help with alumni events when their work took them abroad. She thanked Dr Iwasiewicz-Wabnig, who had hosted a gathering of alumni in Palo Alto, and Prof Nuttall, who had hosted a dinner with alumni in New Deli. Prof Nuttall said that it had been an enjoyable event which had provided interesting insights into the way alumni viewed the College.

94.5. Management accounts update (GB94 02)

The Bursar presented the management accounts for the period ending 31 March 2024. He reported that actual income was higher than forecast and expenditure lower, and that a small surplus was currently forecast for the year end.

94.6. Statutes and Ordinances Review (GB94 03)

The Bursar spoke to the paper, which gave an update on progress. He reported that an interim response to a specific set of questions had been provided by the College's external legal advisors. Their full report was due by 20 May and would be considered by the working group and Governance Committee prior to recommendations for next steps being submitted to Governing Body at the 12 June meeting.

The working group and been enlarged and comprised: Emily Farnworth, Alastair Lockhart, Jonathan Newby, Carole Sargent, Wendy Solomou, Lars Vinx, Julia Watkinson, and Nigel Yandell.

94.7. {[REDACTED]}

94.8. {[REDACTED]}

94.9. Any other Open Business

There was no other Open Business.

End of Open Business WS