

CONFIDENTIAL

COLLEGE MEETING
Monday 24 April 2017 at 9.15 a.m. in the Munro Room
MINUTES

OBSERVERS: Dr Walker

JUNIOR MEMBERS: Miss Whitehead, Mr Wakelam and Mr Collins

NOTE-TAKER: Mrs Pope

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

I. UNRESERVED MINUTES of the General College Meeting on 17 March 2017

The Unreserved Minutes of the General College Meeting on 17 March 2017 were approved with the following amendments:

Discussion on the Future of the College :

Page 3, first paragraph, final sentence to read "With our low endowment-to-student ratio, we managed to grow the endowment therefore we ought to be able to maintain that.:"

Page 4, second paragraph to read: "Prof. Terentjev noted that we will be changing the lives of students, but we should not do so at the expense of the quality of our contribution. Even though we have increased the fellowship, we are still 24th amongst colleges' fellows to student ratio. We cannot afford not to give them better support (comparable to other colleges) simply because this is our financial position. He felt that aiming to change the lives of students is a good strategy, but it needs to be clear that at present it comes at the expense of quality."

Page 4, third paragraph to read: "Prof. Prager said that in relation to changing lives, he has always been struck by what we achieve as a university in terms of excellent undergraduate teaching and education which is second to none. Notwithstanding the fact that we sometimes view ourselves primarily as a research power-house.

Given that the basic issues on the Future of the College have been agreed, the President said we can now push ahead with the other recommendations and other matters raised within the various review committees. He will be contacting all review committee chairs to reflect and bring forward concrete proposals in respect of the changes they wish to recommend to the Governing Body for debate.

Item III (4) – Director of Development – 2nd sentence to read “Benefactors who have donated £10K (net) or more in the last three years will be invited to an event on 7 May,....”

II. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

III. COLLEGE OFFICERS’ AND FELLOWS’ BUSINESS

1. The Dean: The Dean asked for clarification on the position regarding tourist entry to the College during the Easter Term, given the recent change from the “Quiet Period” to the “Examinations Period” which allows for more events, providing they are not loud and disruptive. Mr Karakoulas clarified that no tourists would be allowed throughout the Examinations Period. It was noted that there is a small period between what was previously the two Quiet Periods, ie the weekend of 13 and 14 May when the College would be open to visitors.

Mr Kitt reiterated that alumni were welcome to enter the College at all times throughout the Examinations Period.

Dr Bickerton joined the meeting

2. The Admissions Tutor thanked all Fellows who had participated in the Open Day on 21 April. He reported plans for a new access initiative in Bradford are in the final stages and details will come to the Governing Body in due course.

Dr McPherson joined the meeting

3. The Estates Bursar reported that a conditions survey on the state of the sundial is currently being carried out and that proposals for its restoration will follow.
4. The Director of Development informed fellows that he and the President recently hosted lunches and alumni meetings in Hong Kong, New York and Washington. He added that meetings with new prospects had taken place in all three locations.

Mr Kitt reported that a dinner for Entrepreneurs took place in College on 13 April. The dinner, entitled “China-UK Promotion & Investment Conference, Mianyang-Science & Technology City of China”, was organised by Jenny Wang (2014), Queens’ global network ambassador for China.

Mr Kitt added these activities are essential to boost our fundraising network, given there are currently 450 alumni in China.

5. The Dean of Chapel reminded Fellows about the Memorial Service for the late Mr Peter Watson, which will take place on Friday 26 May at 12.30pm in Church of Great St Mary’s.

IV. PROVISIONAL COLLEGE CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018

The provisional College Calendar for 2017-2018 College Calendar is available via the following linke - click on this link and follow the instructions on how to subscribe to your particular Calendar.

<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/research/dtg/acal/python/index.py?key=1718>

The President asked everyone to check this carefully, and to notify the President's Secretary of any updates/amendments.