

CONFIDENTIAL

COLLEGE MEETING
Friday 30 September 2016 at 9.15pm in the Munro Room
MINUTES

OBSERVERS: Dr Walker, Dr Patterson and Dr Escartin Esteban

JUNIOR MEMBERS: Mr Levin, Mr Wakelam, Mr Albrow-Owen and Mr Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Pope (note-taker)

The Governing Body noted its congratulations to Dr McPherson on the birth of her son, Alex.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

I UNRESERVED MINUTES of the College Meeting on 8 July 2016

The Unreserved Minutes of the College Meeting held on 8 July 2016 were approved.

II MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

III COLLEGE OFFICERS' AND FELLOWS' BUSINESS

1. Prof. Hall reminded the Governing Body that we are receiving all Graduates this afternoon. They will be arriving in the Fitzpatrick Hall at 1pm, signing the Matriculation Register in the Long Gallery followed by tea at 3pm in the President's Garden. All Fellows were encouraged to attend if they could.
2. The Estates Bursar updated the Governing Body on the two major building projects:
 - (1) Repairs to the riverbank - Contractors are expected to arrive on site on 10 October and the works are expected to take 4 weeks. The works will involve driving 30' steel piles into the ground. Dr Walker said that building programmes being what they are, and given our past experiences, we should anticipate the 4 weeks to over-run and he hoped that the works would be completed before Christmas.
 - (2) The repairs to the Library Roof – these works are on schedule. Priority is being given to the roof over the main library itself as quickly as possible so that the War Memorial Library can be returned for study use. The works on the roof above the Munro Room will continue into early November which may make the attic library accessible within approximately 2 weeks.

With regards to the roof over E Staircase in Old Court, the contractors discovered the rafters were rotten and not structurally sound, resulting in emergency repairs being carried out. It is hoped that this scaffolding will be taken down towards the end of November, and the remainder of the scaffolding will be completed cleared by the beginning of the Lent Term.

3. Director of Development – Mr Kitt informed the Governing Body that he had hosted a couple of large events during the summer – a rugby dinner which was attended by 100 members and students, and a lunch for those who matriculated on or before 1956, noting that the most senior member matriculated in 1943. Mr Kitt said the department is about to host the new parents for tea, followed by Academic Saturday and the second annual lecture in Law.
4. Mr Harling informed the Fellowship that discussions were currently underway in respect of Memorial Services for our former fellows, Peter Stein, and Jonathan Riley-Smith, who died during the summer.
5. The Librarian noted that there were ongoing difficulties in the Library because of the roof repairs and apologised for any inconvenience.
6. Admissions Tutor: Admissions Acceptances 2016-2017 (CM3586)

Dr Thompson introduced CM3586 which he hoped was self-explanatory. He added that he was relatively happy in compositional terms. He drew the Governing Body's attention to the level of achievement of our incoming first year students, noting the average number of A* grades is above 3. He also referred to the number of offers made – we made 208 offers to reach 155 admissions. Given the changes in A levels and the greater unpredictability of marking, we will need to make at least this number of offers next year to get the same outcome.

Dr Milgate asked does the fact that the average number of grades is so high mean we should change the level of conditional offers we make? Dr Thompson said this discussion is ongoing with the University.

IV COLLEGE TEACHING 2016-2017 (CM3587)

CM3587 was noted – the President asked all Fellows to review this and report any corrections to the Tutorial Office.