

COUNCIL

The Vice-Chancellor requests a meeting of the Council **in the William Mong Hall, Sidney Sussex College, at 10.15 am on Monday 22 September 2014**. Coffee will be available beforehand.

Circulated: 16 September 2014

**AGENDA**

**UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

**PART A: PRELIMINARY, LEGISLATIVE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD BUSINESS**

**A1 Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Council are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests.

**A2 Minutes**

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2014 are circulated.

The Council is asked to confirm the Minutes.

**A3 Procedure of the Council**

**(a) To approve arrangements for the chairing of agenda items**

It is proposed that the Vice-Chancellor should chair all items of business. A member of the Council who wishes to propose a different allocation of items between the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Chair is requested to inform the Registry or the Head of the Registry's Office before the start of the meeting.

**(b) To approve confirmed business starred as straightforward**

A member of the Council who wishes a starred item to be discussed at the meeting is requested to inform the Registry or the Head of the Registry's Office before the start of the meeting.

The Council is asked to approve matters for decision set out in the confirmed starred items.

Starred items are included in the agenda (rather than inclusion in a Circular or by reference to the Business Committee) only if it is believed that the business is of sufficient significance that there could be need for discussion at the meeting (or exceptionally if there is particular urgency about an item of straightforward business).

## **\*(c) Council Circulars**

To note the issue and approval (or proposed issue and potential approval) of the following:

<b>Circular</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Approval</b>
21/14	18 July	28 July
22/14	1 August	11 August
23/14	12 September	22 September

## **A4 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Vice-Chancellor will report further **only** on those items on the following list which are **bold** and unstarred (either on the agenda or, in advance, at the request of members of the Council); other matters are for information only.

- \*(a) The Vice-Chancellor invites the Council to congratulate members of the University elected as Fellows of the British Academy:  
Professor Marina Frolova-Walker, *CL* (Reader in Music History); Professor Susan Gathercole (Programme leader for the Memory and Perception group at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit); Professor Matthew Kramer, *CHU* (Professor of Legal and Political Philosophy), Professor Rae Langton, *N*, (Professor of Philosophy); Professor Judith Lieu, *R* (Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity).
- \*(b) The Vice-Chancellor invites the Council to congratulate members of the University honoured by the Royal Society as follows:  
Professor Jeremy Baumberg, *JE* (Department of Physics) was awarded the Rumford Medal.  
Professor Clare Grey, *PEM* (Department of Chemistry) was awarded the 2014 Davy Medal.  
Professor Nicholas Davies, *PEM* (Department of Zoology) was awarded the Croonian Lecture.
- \*(c) Professor Chris Dobson, Master of St John's College, has been awarded this year's Feltrinelli Prize. The Prize is presented by the Italian Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, the world's oldest existing Academy of Sciences.
- \*(d) Professor Steve Young will be the 2015 recipient of the IEEE James L Flanagan Speech and Audio Processing Award.
- (e) The Vice-Chancellor, with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International Strategy), was on University business in Bangalore, Mumbai and Delhi between the 11 and 20 September 2014.**

## **A5 Council, legislative and comparable matters**

### **\*(a) Council Work Plan 2014-15**

The Work Plan for 2014-15 is attached to this agenda for approval by the Council.

The Registry or the Head of the Registry's Office will answer any questions.

**\*(b) Business Committee**

There was no meeting of the Business Committee on 15 September 2014.

**(c) External members of the Council: Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee held its fifth and final meeting on 28 July 2014. A coversheet together with draft graces, the minutes of the meeting and materials about the recommended candidate are circulated with the papers.

Professor Dame Shirley Pearce chaired the Committee. The Vice-Chancellor and Professor Kelly are members.

**(d) The Council's Annual Report 2013-14**

A first draft is circulated for any comment. Revised drafts will be brought back to the Council for comment at the meeting on 20 October 2014 and then for signature on 24 November 2014.

The Registry or the Head of the Registry's Office will answer any questions. Detailed drafting suggestions should be sent to the Head of the Registry's Office outside the meeting.

**\*(e) Strategic meeting 22-23 September 2014**

The programme is attached for any necessary reference during the present meeting. A pack of papers has been distributed. A note of the meeting will be circulated as soon as possible after the meeting.

**(f) Board of Scrutiny, Nineteenth Annual Report, 2013-14**

The Nineteenth Annual Report to the Regent House is circulated. The Council is asked (i) to consider whether it wishes to respond to any of the Board's comments at this stage; and (ii) to approve the Report for early publication and Discussion.

**A6 Report of the Council on the process for the nomination and election of the Chancellor: Notice in response to remarks made in Discussion**

The Council, at its meeting on 14 July 2014, approved for publication a Notice in response to remarks made on the above Report and associated Graces. The Graces were subsequently withdrawn by the Vice-Chancellor following receipt of a letter from Professor Anthony Edwards, who has subsequently provided a further note following discussion with the Registry. A paper is circulated setting out various options available to the Council.

Professor Yates and Mr Lewisohn are members of the working group to review the statutory provisions and regulations for nominations and elections to the Chancellorship.

## **A7 General Board**

The unconfirmed minutes of the General Board's meeting on 2 July 2014 are circulated. Attention is drawn to the matters listed on the coversheet. There are no matters for the Council's decision arising from the minutes.

The Vice-Chancellor is Chairman of the General Board. Dr Bampos, Dr Good, Ms van Gijn, Dr Padman and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education are members.

## **PART B: MAIN BUSINESS**

### **B1 Universities' Superannuation Scheme (USS) – UUK consultation**

The Pensions Working Group of the Finance Committee has met several times over the course of the summer to agree a response to a UUK consultation on the future funding and benefits of USS, following the triennial valuation of the Scheme as at 31 March 2014. The Pensions Working Group has been advised by a Pensions Advisory Group, which is comprised of a cross-section of USS members and chaired by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Affairs (Professor Sanders). The UUK consultation document, and a related paper on the funding of USS issued by the Trustees of the Scheme are circulated with the papers together with a Notice about a Discussion on a Topic of Concern. The Pension Working Group's response to the consultation will follow. The deadline for submission is 22 September.

Professor Sanders chairs the Pensions Working Group and will report. The Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Registry and the Director of Finance are members. Dr Stephen Cowley is a member of the Pensions Advisory Group.

### **B2 North West Cambridge Project**

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Affairs) will provide a progress report.

**Lunch will be available at 12.30 in the College Dining Hall**

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COUNCIL WORK PLAN 2014-5

The following timetable sets out those matters which the Council considers in accordance with an annual schedule. Dates, in some cases, are determined by reporting schedules; in others they are indicative. The work plan is updated for each ordinary meeting of the Council to take account of emerging issues.

MICHAELMAS TERM 2014

22 September 2014  
(morning)

**Ordinary meeting – at Sidney Sussex College**

Annual Report of the Council – first draft – **in agenda**  
Confirm Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement of Primary Responsibilities, Statement of Corporate Governance – **approved at the July meeting**  
Approve outline Council workplan for forthcoming academical year – **in agenda**

22 and 23 September 2014

**Strategic meeting – Sidney Sussex College**

Topics: financial strategy and capital planning; update report on strategy and progress in Development and Alumni Relations; and a report on developments within the recently formed University Information Service.

20 October 2014

**Ordinary meeting**

Review conclusions from strategic meeting  
Annual Report of the Council – second draft  
Honorary Degree nominations for 2014, and preliminary proposals for 2015 (if available; otherwise in November)  
Response to Board of Scrutiny report

24 November 2014

**Ordinary meeting**

Annual Report of the Council – sign off for publication  
Consider and approve Financial Statements for publication  
Receive consider and publish General Report to the Council

15 December 2014

**Ordinary meeting**

*The biennial half election of member of the Council in classes (a), (b) and (c) will have taken place. Induction of new members takes place separately.*

ACCMEN's report of appointment of Council members to Council committees and other bodies  
Audit Committee Annual Report

Risk Steering Committee Annual Report

LENT TERM 2015

19 January 2015

**Ordinary meeting**

*First meeting of new members in classes (a), (b), (c) and (e)*

Honorary degree nominations: publish list  
Confirm Committee membership (post ACCMEN)  
Confirm dates of Council meetings (as approved by the Business Committee) for the forthcoming academical year

16 February 2015

**Ordinary meeting**

Confirm date of the September Strategic Meeting

16 March 2015

**Ordinary Meeting**

Preliminary discussion of University budget for the 2015-16.

16 March 2015 (provisional)

**Strategic Meeting**

Strategic meeting, provisionally part day in Cambridge: exact time and location to be determined.

EASTER TERM 2015

20 April 2015

**Ordinary Meeting**

Draft Budget and Allocations Report 2015-16 – first consideration

18 May 2015

**Ordinary Meeting**

Budget and Allocations Report 2014-15 – conclude consideration, sign and publish  
Report from CUP

15 June 2015

### **Ordinary Meeting**

*Last meeting of outgoing student members*

Preliminary discussion of programme for September strategic meeting

Preliminary draft of Council workplan for the next academical year

Report from Cambridge Assessment

### LONG VACATION 2015

13 July 2015  
(long meeting)

*First meeting of new student members*

Initial review of Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement of Primary Responsibilities and Statement of Corporate Governance

Receive Board of Scrutiny Annual Report

Revised workplan for the next academical year

*The Deputy Chairman chairs.*

The Vice-Chancellor's annual report to the Council

Consideration of the Council's priorities for the forthcoming academical year

21 September 2015  
(morning)

### **Ordinary meeting**

The Council's Annual Report 2014-15 – first draft.

Confirm or revise Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement of Primary Responsibilities and Statement of Corporate Governance

21-22 September 2015

### **Strategic Meeting: provisional**

### MICHAELMAS TERM 2015 (FORWARD LOOK)

19 October 2015

### **Ordinary Meeting**

Strategic meeting September 2015 - consider conclusions.

The Council's Annual Report 2014-5 – second draft

Receive draft General Board Report to the Council for 2014-15

Receive and approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for External Members of the Council (if available; otherwise in November).

Honorary Degree nominations 2016 and preliminary proposals for 2017

23 November 2015

**Ordinary Meeting**

Consider and approve Financial Statements 2014-5.  
Sign Annual Report of the Council 2014-5; receive,  
consider and publish General Board Report to the  
Council 2014-5

14 December 2015

**Ordinary Meeting**

Audit Committee Annual Report

Risk Steering Committee Annual Report

The minutes and associated papers of the Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Planning and Resources Committee and Human Resources Committee are brought to the Council at the earliest convenient opportunity following those Committees' meetings. Business Committee minutes are brought to the Council when there is a meeting in the week immediately preceding the Council's meeting; they otherwise go in Council circulars. Most other Committee minutes go in Council circulars.

The minutes and associated papers of the General Board are brought to the Council at the earliest convenient opportunity following the Board's meetings.

There is a progress report on the North West Cambridge Project at every meeting.

There are periodic reports from CUDO and the Office of External Affairs and Communications. These are scheduled to fit with other business.

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September 2014