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**NOTICES****Calendar**

5 February, *Sunday*. Preacher before the University at 11.15 a.m., Professor M. W. Dube, of the University of Botswana.  
 7 February, *Tuesday*. Discussion at 2 p.m. in the Senate-House (see below).  
 13 February, *Monday*. Lent Term divides.

**Discussions at 2 p.m.**

7 February  
 21 February  
 6 March  
 20 March

**Congregations**

18 February, *Saturday at 2 p.m.*  
 24 March, *Saturday at 10 a.m.*

**Notice of a Discussion on Tuesday, 7 February 2012**

The Vice-Chancellor invites those qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 107) to attend a Discussion in the Senate-House, on Tuesday, 7 February, at 2 p.m., for the discussion of:

1. Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on the establishment of an MRC Research Professorship of Biostatistics (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 388).
2. Report of the of the General Board, dated 23 December 2011, on the establishment of a Chong Hua Professorship of Chinese Development (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 389).
3. Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on the establishment of a Florence Nightingale Foundation Professorship of Clinical Nursing Research (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 390).
4. Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on the establishment of a Professorship of Statistics (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 391).
5. Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on future arrangements for the Interdisciplinary Centres in the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 392).
6. Joint Report by the Council and the General Board, dated 23 January 2012 and 11 January 2012, on student membership of the two bodies (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 405).

**University Computing Service: Notice by the Director****Teaching and other software on University Computing Service managed desktop systems including the Managed Cluster: call for requests for 2012–13**

This Notice is addressed to all those who currently use or who are planning to use Computing Service Training Facilities or Managed Cluster Service (MCS) classrooms including MCS computers in Departments and Colleges (previously PWF), to support their teaching, whether for organized courses or for other Departmental or College teaching. It is also addressed to those desiring to use applications generally on these computers. It covers applications for all three platforms (MCS Linux, Windows, and Macintoshes).

*Requests/removals of applications: Submission date*

Requests for new applications or new versions of existing ones for the next academical year must reach the Desktop Services Manager at the University Computing Service (UCS) by Friday, 16 March 2012. To submit a request, please fill in the form at <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cs/request/swrequest.html>. This applies for MCS Linux, Windows, and Macintosh applications. Please also fill in the form for those teaching applications that are no longer required, so that they can be removed.

It is regretted that late requests are unlikely to be met. The list of software that the Computing Service expects to be available for the start of the Michaelmas Term will be announced at <http://www.ucs.cam.ac.uk/desktop-services/mcs/software/upgrades> by the division of the Easter Term.

*Desktop Operating Systems*

It is planned that the operating systems for all three platforms in 2012–13 will be:

- MCS Linux – Ubuntu
- Macintosh – OS X 10.7
- Windows – Windows XP and Windows 7

*Please note that not all the applications on each platform will be automatically ported across to the latest desktop operating systems. Please be explicit when requesting applications for these OS's.*

The programme of installation of new software will start immediately after the end of Full Easter Term. Those teaching during the Long Vacation period should note that the installation of new versions of software during that period may have implications for them as the version available may change.

The full set of applications for 2012–13 is intended to be available from Tuesday, 28 August, so that those whose teaching depends on these applications can check that they work correctly and update course notes. This also allows for any necessary remedial action to be taken by UCS staff before the start of the Michaelmas Term.

For some applications the licence cost has to be borne by the institution requiring the software. The UCS can advise on costs; please enquire by email to [dsg-manager@ucs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:dsg-manager@ucs.cam.ac.uk). Note also that a request for a new version from one institution may have cost implications for other institutions that also use the software. Consequently, those requesting software are asked to consider the financial implications of their requests for their institutions and for other institutions covered by the Managed Cluster Service.

## CRASSH Graduate Research Groups and Faculty Research Groups: Notice

### *Graduate Research Groups*

CRASSH (the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities) supports groups of graduate students working together with common interdisciplinary research interest, and can offer administrative assistance, funding, and a venue. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 25 April 2012. For further information, see <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/103/apply-for-funding.htm>.

### *Faculty Research Groups*

The Faculty Research Groups are CRASSH's initiative to stimulate faculty research in emerging fields and support cross-disciplinary research groups with the potential for collaborative grant applications; administrative assistance, funding, and a venue can be provided. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 25 April 2012. For further information, see <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/1030/apply-for-funding.htm>

## VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### Vacancies in the University

A full list of current vacancies can be found at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/jobs/>.

**Lectureship in Economics**; salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year (pay award pending); closing date: 16 February 2012; further particulars: <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/news/notices/Lectureship12.html>; quote reference: JG12082

**Temporary Lectureship in Economics**; salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year (pay award pending); limit of tenure: two years, until 31 August 2014; further particulars: <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/news/notices/TempLec12.html>; quote reference: JG12092

**HR Business Manager in the Human Resources Division** (maternity cover); salary: £49,539–£52,556 a year (pay award pending); closing date: 27 January 2012; further particulars: <http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/-12212/>; quote reference: AH12212

Any job application submitted with a *curriculum vitae* should be accompanied by a Cover Sheet for Employment (form CHRIS/6) which can be downloaded from <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/forms/chris6/>, or may be obtained in hard copy from the advertising Department or Faculty.

*The University values diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity.*

*The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.*

## CRASSH Fellowship Competition, 2012–13: Notice

### **Mellon/Newton Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

CRASSH (the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities) is now inviting applications for two two-year interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Research Fellowships starting in October 2012 and based in CRASSH. The deadline for applications is noon on Friday, 2 March 2012. Full details are available at <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/1084/mellonnewton-fellowships-2012.htm>.

## Appointments, reappointment, and grants of title

The following appointments, reappointment, and grants of title have been made:

### APPOINTMENTS

#### **University Lecturers**

*Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology*. Dr Sabine Bahn, Ph.D., LC, M.D., *Albert-Ludwigs, Freiburg, Germany*, MRCPsych, appointed from 1 January 2012 until the retiring age.

*Education.* Dr Yongcan Liu, M.Phil., Ph.D., CC, B.A., M.A., *Guangdong University of Foreign Studies*, appointed from 22 September 2011 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

#### Head of School

*Physical Sciences.* Professor Robert Charles Kennicutt, M.A., *CHU*, B.S., *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York*, M.S., Ph.D., *Washington*, appointed from 1 January 2012 for four years.

#### Associate Dean

*Clinical Medicine.* Dr Mark Gurnell, Ph.D., *SID*, B.Sc., M.B.B.S., *London*, M.A., *Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Postgraduate Medical School*, FRCP, FHEA, appointed from 10 October 2011 until 9 October 2016 and subject to a probationary period of one year.

#### Principal Assistant Registrar

*University Offices (Academic Division).* Ms Monique Martine Carew, B.A., *Cape Town*, appointed as Head of Research Operations from 1 January 2012 until the retiring age.

#### Director of Biological Education

*Biology.* Dr David Arthur Good, Ph.D., K, B.A., *Sussex*, appointed from 1 October 2011 until 30 September 2016.

#### Departmental Secretary

*Earth Sciences.* Dr Laura Bonesi, Laurea, *Trieste*, M.Sc., *Durham*, D.Phil., *Oxford*, appointed from 9 January 2012 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of nine months.

#### Librarian

*History and Philosophy of Science.* Mrs Anna Holt Jones, M.Phil., *W*, B.A., *Oxford*, M.A., *London*, appointed from 19 March 2012 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of nine months.

#### Administrative Officers

*University Offices (Finance Division).* Mrs Rebecca Anne Darlow, appointed from 1 October 2011 until the retiring age. Ms Bernadette Anne Lankford, appointed from 9 January 2012 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of nine months.

#### REAPPOINTMENT

#### Clinical Lecturer

*Haematology.* Dr Chi Chown Wong, reappointed from 31 December 2011 for two years.

#### GRANTS OF TITLE

#### Affiliated Lecturers

*Clinical Medicine.* Dr Mark Reacher has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 November 2011 for a further two years.

*English.* Dr Michele Gemelos has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2011 for two years.

*History.* Dr Anna Brechta Sapir Abulafia, *LC*, Dr Andrew Graham Bell, *CAI*, Dr Elizabeth Louise Boyle, Dr Caroline Jane Adelaide Brett, *G*, Dr Caroline Burt, *PEM*, Dr Lily Chang, *M*, Dr Eoin Lorcan Devlin, *SE*, Dr Dmitri Levitin, *T*, Dr Scott Howard Mandelbrote, *PET*, Dr Rory George Robert Naismith, *CL*, Mr Richard John Partington, *CHU*, Dr Martha Kate Peters, *MUR*, Dr David Robert Pratt, *DOW*, Dr Andrea Charlotte Ruddick, *PEM*, Dr Maria Christina Skott, *W*, Dr David Lawrence Smith, *SE*, Dr Andrew Mark Spencer, *CC*, Dr Ineke Van't Spijker, Dr Stephen John Thompson, *CHR*, Dr Anna-Maria Von der Goltz, Dr Brodie Banner Waddell, *W*, Dr Paul Simon Warde, *PEM*, and Dr Philip Wood, *SID*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2011 for one year. Dr Martin Robert Allen, *W*, Dr Gareth Atkins, *M*, Dr Melissa Tay Calaresu, *CAI*, Dr Joseph Peter Canning, *Q*, Dr Matthew John Clark, *PEM*, Dr D'Maris Dalton Coffman, *N*, Dr Leigh Denault, *CHU*, Dr Isabel Noronha DiVanna, *CL*, Dr Michael James Edwards, *JE*, Dr Roy Flechner, *T*, Dr William Henry Foster, *HO*, Dr Bernhard Fulda, *SID*, Dr Emma Louise Hunter, *CAI*, Dr Sachiko Kusakawa, *T*, Dr Sarah Layfield, *CAI*, Dr Michael C. Ledger-Lomas, *PET*, Dr Gideon Alexander Mailer, *JN*, Dr Isaac Stone Nakhimovsky, *EM*, Dr Jacob Norris, *PEM*, Dr Hugo Lee Service, *SE*, Dr Colin Shindler, *CAI*, Dr Thomas Edward Stammers, *CAI*, Dr Debora Thom, *R*, Dr Sylvana Palma Tomaselli, *JN*, Dr Danielle Wilhelmina Antonia Gerarda van den Heuvel, *G*, and Dr Elisabeth Maria Cornelia van Houts, *EM*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2011 for a further year.

*Land Economy.* Dr Maria Abreu, *PEM*, Mr Shaun Larcom, Dr Derek Clifford Nicholls, *F*, and Dr William Seabrooke, *F*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2011 for one year.

*Music.* Reverend Professor Jeremy Begbie, Dr David Glen Skinner, *SID*, Dr Jeremy Robert Yarker Thurlow, *R*, Dr Geoffrey Andrew Webber, *CAI*, and Dr Edward Wickham, *CTH*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2011 for a further two years.

**EVENTS, COURSES, ETC.****Announcement of lectures, seminars, etc.**

The University offers a large number of lectures, seminars, and other events, many of which are free of charge, to members of the University and others who are interested. Details can be found on Faculty and Departmental websites, and in the following resources.

The What's On website (<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/>) carries details of exhibitions, music, theatre and film, courses, and workshops, and is searchable by category and date. Both an RSS feed and a subscription email service are available.

Talks.cam (<http://www.talks.cam.ac.uk/>) is a fully searchable talks listing service, and talks can be subscribed to and details downloaded.

Brief details of upcoming events are given below.

<i>Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology</i>	Departmental seminars	<a href="http://www.ceb.cam.ac.uk/seminars.php">http://www.ceb.cam.ac.uk/seminars.php</a>
<i>Divinity</i>	Hulsean Lectures – <i>The cost of the beauty of holiness: the spiritual price of the visual tradition in the western church</i>	<a href="http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/documents/Hulsean/Hulsean_2012_CURRENT.jpg">http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/documents/Hulsean/Hulsean_2012_CURRENT.jpg</a>
<i>English</i>	Graham Storey Lectures – <i>A dandy in the desert: Ronald Firbank after the War</i>	<a href="http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/news/archives/135">http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/news/archives/135</a>
<i>Gender Studies</i>	Public lectures and multi-disciplinary gender research seminars	<a href="http://www.gender.cam.ac.uk/">http://www.gender.cam.ac.uk/</a>
<i>Lauterpacht Centre for International Law</i>	Friday lunchtime lecture series	<a href="http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/lectures/term_lectures.php">http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/lectures/term_lectures.php</a>
<i>Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit</i>	Tuesday research seminars	<a href="http://innerasiaresearch.org/?p=1091">http://innerasiaresearch.org/?p=1091</a>

**AWARDS, ETC.****Scholarships and Prizes, etc. awarded**

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## Santander Student Travel Grants 2012: Notice

Awards are available for students of the University to facilitate travel to/in the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America for purposes related to assessed academic study. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2012. For further details, see <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/internationalstudents/scholarships/latin.html>

## REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

The General Board give notice that, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board or other authority concerned, the regulations for certain University examinations have been amended as follows:

## Politics, Psychology, and Sociology Tripos, Parts IIA and IIB

(*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 396)

PARTS IIA AND IIB

**With effect from 1 October 2012**

Regulation 14.

### Interdisciplinary papers

The following paper has been suspended until further notice:

Paper Int. 7. Society, politics, and culture in Latin America

The Faculty Board of Human, Social, and Political Science have confirmed that no candidate's preparation for the examination in 2013 will be affected by this change.

## REPORTS

### Joint Report by the Council and the General Board on student membership of the two bodies

The COUNCIL and the GENERAL BOARD beg leave to report to the University as follows:

1. In the course of the academical year 2009–10, the Council's Standing Advisory Committee on Student Matters (SACSM) considered a submission from its student members which proposed substantive changes to the arrangements for student membership of the Council and of the General Board. Comments on the representation of students on and their election to the Council were also made in the Discussion of the Report of the Council on amendments to Statute A (membership of the Senate and election of student members of the Council) held on 27 April 2010 (*Reporter*, 2009–10, p. 795 (see <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2009-10/weekly/6187/section8.shtml>)).

#### *Current student representation*

2. The University's Statutes and Ordinances provide for the following scheme of student membership (class (d) of both the Council and the General Board):

*Council* (Statute A, IV, 2 and p. 114)

two students elected by and from among all the students in the University;

one graduate student elected by and from among all the graduate students in the University.

*General Board* (Statute C, I, 4, and p. 117)

one student elected by and from among all undergraduate students in the University;

one graduate student elected by and from among all graduate students in the University.

The Council consists of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, nineteen elected members (Heads of Colleges; Professors and Readers; other members of the Regent House; students – in all, three-quarters of the members are elected), and four appointed members (external members). The General Board is a smaller body consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, eight representatives of the Schools, four persons appointed by the Council, and two students; only the student members are elected.

In recent years it has been customary for the President of CUSU to stand for election to the Council, and for the CUSU Education Officer to stand for election to the General Board, and for both to be elected.

3. The procedure for the election of student members of the Council, and the General Board, is prescribed by

Ordinance (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 114). Voting is by ballot, and electors must give their votes in person. Customarily, voting takes place over one day in Colleges, with organization by local College Returning Officers (normally an officer of a JCR, MCR or equivalent body, or their deputy). The election is conducted in accordance with the University's Single Transferable Vote regulations (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 118).

#### *Student proposals*

4. The principal proposition to SACSM contained in the students' submission ('Student membership of the Council and of the General Board of the Faculties', prepared by the officers of CUSU and reproduced in Annex A(i) to this Report) is the termination of the existing arrangements for direct election of student members of the Council and of the General Board, to be replaced by the appointment of the President, or other elected officer, of the recognized student organizations (namely Cambridge University Students Union (CUSU) and the Graduate Union (GU)) as members of these bodies in class (d). The student membership of each body would be as follows:

#### *Council*

- (i) the President of CUSU;
- (ii) the President of the Graduate Union;
- (iii) one student elected by and from among all the students in the University.

In the students' submission it is suggested that the member in category (iii) should be elected as part of the annual, University-wide elections arranged by CUSU, rather than through direct University election.

#### *General Board*

- (i) the CUSU Education Officer;
- (ii) the Academic Affairs Director of the Graduate Union.

Both of these officers are elected by the respective union's members.

Further consideration by the current officers of the student unions has resulted in a revised proposal for the General Board wherein the graduate representative would be the President of the Graduate Union as there is not always a candidate for the Academic Affairs position (see Annex A(ii)).

5. The arguments in the CUSU submission for the changes outlined above are summed up thus:

- to ensure that undergraduate and graduate students are represented by their principal elected officers CUSU strongly supports the principle of elected student membership of both bodies;
- but the 'stand-alone' Council and General Board elections each year should be ended as the turn-out for these elections is low;
- instead the annual CUSU and GU University-wide elections should be used for the election of student members of both bodies.

11. The Council and the General Board recommend:

I. That the elections of student members of the Council and the General Board, to be held with effect from the Lent Term 2013, be combined with the elections for officers of the student unions.

II. That, if Recommendation I is approved, the following regulations be amended:

Election of members of the Council in class (d) (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 114)

Regulation 7.

By amending the regulation so as to read:

6. The submission concludes that

'These changes would provide significantly greater confidence that students elected to membership of the Council and General Board are genuinely as representative as possible of the student body, as students will be represented to these important University bodies by their principal elected representatives – who, through our systems of hustings and publicity, will have received considerably greater scrutiny than candidates for the Council and General Board currently do. The changes will also make that representation considerably more effective, as members will necessarily be supported by their unions – and sabbatical officers have the time to devote considerably more time and effort to the business of the body they have been elected to.'

#### *The Council's proposals*

7. The Council has considered the proposals and is of the opinion that direct appointment of the Presidents of the respective unions as *ex officio* members of the Council is not appropriate and that instead the persons standing for election as Presidents should also stand in a personal capacity as candidates for election to the Council. The Council stress they would not hold membership, *ex-officio*, in respect of the particular union offices held and would not be mandated to represent the unions. Both the Council and the General Board concur with the revised proposal for student representation on the General Board.

#### *Election arrangements*

8. The Council and the General Board note that a key reason put forward to support the argument for changing the current specifications is that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the current arrangements for both the timing and the conduct of the elections conducted by the University – that is, in person, in Colleges.

9. However, the election of members of the central bodies through an election system managed by a recognized student organization that constitutionally is not part of the University and over which the University has, quite rightly, no direct control or jurisdiction, raises questions about supervision, conduct, and scrutiny. The Council, as a governing body, would need to be confident that election arrangements met its own standards and requirements, as well as those of the regulatory bodies, especially HEFCE, and the Privy Council.

10. Should the proposals in this Report be approved in principle by the Regent House, the Council will consider appropriate arrangements for the supervision and scrutiny of the CUSU and GU elections in these circumstances, possibly through their Committee on the Scrutiny of the Student Unions. The procedures for nomination and candidature would need to be reviewed as some provisions in the unions' constitutions (for instance, the provision for 'Re-Open Nominations (RON)' as an additional 'candidate') would be a significant departure from existing provisions in the Ordinances.

7. The annual election of members in class (d) shall be held in Full Lent Term. The date and place or places of the election, the last date for the receipt of nominations, and the procedures for voting shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to any conditions approved by the Council; provided that the last date for the receipt of nominations shall be not later than the seventh day of Full Term before the day appointed for the election.

Regulations 8–14.

By rescinding Regulation 8 and renumbering Regulations 9–14 accordingly.

23 January 2012	L. K. BORYSIEWICZ, <i>Vice-Chancellor</i> DAVID ABULAFIA N. BAMPOS RICHARD BARNES D. J. A. CASSERLEY STEPHEN J. COWLEY ATHENE DONALD R. J. DOWLING	I. M. LE M. DU QUESNAY NICHOLAS GAY DAVID GOOD ANDY HOPPER CHRISTOPHER HUM VANESSA V. LAWRENCE ROBERT LETHBRIDGE	MAVIS McDONALD SUSAN OOSTHUIZEN RACHAEL PADMAN T. PARRY-JONES GERARD TULLY MORGAN WILD A.D. YATES
11 January 2012	L. K. BORYSIEWICZ, <i>Vice-Chancellor</i> N. BAMPOS WILLIAM BROWN H. A. CHASE SARAH COAKLEY	CHRISTOPHER CROW SIMON FRANKLIN ANDREW GAMBLE C. A. GILLIGAN DAVID GOOD	ROBERT KENNICUTT RACHAEL PADMAN J. RALLISON PATRICK SISSONS MORGAN WILD

## ANNEX A(i)

### CUSU paper: Student Membership of the Council and the General Board of the Faculties

#### Introduction

This paper proposes changes to the manner of the election of student members to the Council and the General Board, in order to ensure that undergraduate and graduate students are represented by their principal elected officers. The number of student members would not change on either University body.

CUSU strongly supports the principle of elected student membership of both bodies, and this paper does not propose a movement from this principle. This paper does, however, propose an end to the stand-alone Council and General Board elections each year, and proposes instead that the annual CUSU and GU elections be used for the election of student members of both bodies instead.

If this paper receives support, CUSU will produce a formal proposal to amend *Statutes and Ordinances* for the approval of SACSM at its next meeting.

#### Background

At present, of the nineteen elected members of the Council, three are elected annually by and from among the students in the University in a manner determined by ordinance. Two of the members of the General Board are elected by and from among the students of the University in a manner determined by ordinance. In the case of the Council, at least one of the student representatives must be a graduate student. For the General Board, one representative must be an undergraduate student and the other must be a graduate student.

Ordinances currently require these elections to take place in Full Term no earlier than fourteen days before the end of Full Lent Term. In recent years, these elections have been entirely notional; in practice, only as many candidates have stood as the number of vacant positions available. In the academical year 2008–09, after advertising by CUSU, multiple candidates did stand in each category and elections were held during Easter Term.

The current situation is unsatisfactory for several reasons, arising mainly from two separate but interrelated areas of concern: fundamental deficiencies in the administration of the elections; and differences in the effectiveness of representation able to be conducted through full-time students as opposed to sabbatical student officers.

#### Discussion of problems inherent to the current system of elections

Publicity about the opportunity to stand for election and about the elections themselves is minimal, which results in a small and potentially unrepresentative number of students both standing in and then voting in the elections. With CUSU's help in advertising the 2008–09 elections there were at least more candidates than vacant positions – and so an election was actually held – but turnout was just 1,152 (roughly 5.7% of those eligible) in the all-student category, and 149 (roughly 1.4% of those eligible) in the highest graduate-only category.

- No effective procedure exists for the conduct of the current elections; there is no mechanism for organizing hustings of candidates, for digital distribution of manifestos, or even for paper distribution of manifestos beyond a copy provided for each college ballot box. It is therefore impossible for students to learn enough about each candidate in order to make an informed choice between them, which seriously undermines the democratic legitimacy of the elections.

- No rules exist governing the conduct of – or placing limitations upon – candidates running in the elections; upon a query from a candidate, candidates were invited (but not required) in 2008–09 to follow the rules devised for the CUSU annual elections. This lack of clarity further undermines confidence in the conduct of the elections.
- No effective procedure exists for the conduct of voting itself; during 2008–09, JCR Presidents were called upon to act as returning officers in their respective Colleges, despite the fact that some were themselves candidates in one or both of the elections. Aside from obvious issues of transparency, this is not a reasonable burden to place upon JCR Presidents (or MCR Presidents, or their committees) in Easter Term in the weeks immediately preceding exams.
- No form of postal or online voting is available (to students) in the elections, further depressing turnout among those who struggle to reach the ballot box in their college during the designated hours of a busy Full Term day.

### **Proposal**

In addition to the Council and General Board elections discussed above, we wish to point out that CUSU and the GU currently run – at considerable effort – high-profile elections towards the end of each Lent Term in which turnout reached 4,236 (roughly 21%) and 562 (roughly 5.4%) respectively in 2008–09. We propose that SACSM support the designation of these elections as those required by Statute.

Specifically, we propose that the election of CUSU President be deemed to replace the election of one of the student members of the Council, and that CUSU create an additional elected position of ‘University Council Representative’ – elected at the same time as the CUSU sabbatical officers – to replace the election of the second student member. We propose that the election of GU President be deemed to replace the election of the graduate student member of Council. We propose that the election of CUSU Education Officer be deemed to replace the election of the undergraduate member of the General Board, and that the election of GU Academic Affairs Director be deemed to replace the election of the graduate member of the General Board.

These changes would provide significantly greater confidence that students elected to membership of the Council and General Board are genuinely as representative as possible of the student body, as students will be represented to these important University bodies by their principal elected representatives – who, through our systems of hustings and publicity, will have received considerably greater scrutiny than candidates for the Council and General Board currently do. The changes will also make that representation considerably more effective, as members will necessarily be supported by their unions – and sabbatical officers will have the time to devote considerably more time and effort to the business of the body they have been elected to.

### **Substantive changes to student membership**

We believe that all changes proposed in this paper would be in the interests of maximizing the effectiveness of student representation on both University bodies. We wish to draw the attention of SACSM, however, to the aspect of our proposals that has the potential to change the nature of the student members of the General Board.

The current position with the General Board is that one student member is guaranteed to be an undergraduate, and the other is guaranteed to be a graduate. According to our proposed changes, one student member would remain guaranteed to be a graduate (the GU Academic Affairs Director), but the other – the CUSU Education Officer – could be either an undergraduate or a graduate student. In a case where the CUSU Education Officer was a graduate student, our proposal would therefore leave the General Board without an undergraduate student member. However, given the CUSU Education Officer’s role to represent all students (i.e. including undergraduates), and his/her privileged (sabbatical) position to devote time and effort to the business of the General Board, we believe that the net results of this change would still be to the benefit of undergraduate students.

This issue does not arise with our proposals regarding the Council, as there is no stipulation that any student member must be an undergraduate. Our proposals would therefore bring the student membership of the General Board into line with that of the Council.

### **Summary of proposed changes**

The changes to the student membership of the Council and General Board proposed in this paper are therefore as follows:

*Current position* Council: two students (undergraduate or graduate) and one graduate student. General Board: one undergraduate student and one graduate student.

*Proposal* Council: CUSU President, GU President, and one student (undergraduate or graduate). General Board: CUSU Education Officer and GU Academic Affairs Director.

### **Conclusions**

The problems in principle with the current system of the election of student members to the Council and General Board that this paper highlights are longstanding; these proposals to change the system have been prompted now by the first actual election in recent years, in which all of the problems outlined above became manifest. We would be grateful for the support of SACSM in our efforts to improve how effective and representative student members of both bodies are able to be.

## ANNEX A(ii)

**Student membership of Council and General Board****Summary paper**

This paper seeks to summarize the current position of CUSU, the Graduate Union, and the student members of Council. We believe these issues should be addressed as quickly as possible: the current elections (as a result of the system the University currently relies upon) are poorly run, reliably disenfranchise parts of the electorate, and have extremely poor turnout, which all call into question the democratic legitimacy of the elections. We also argue that there is no need for separate elections, as the CUSU/GU elections suffer from none of these faults (and have appropriate oversight from the University to ensure that they are free and fair), and are used to elect the officers that the University has long recognized as students' principal elected representatives.

Our proposals are the same in substance as contained in our original paper: primarily, that the election for the posts of CUSU President and Graduate Union President be deemed the election for two of the student members on University Council [see below for a summary of the proposals]. They have, however, been clarified in the two years since the paper was originally submitted, and we felt that it was necessary to indicate our position on the various alternative proposals outlined in SACSMS's attachment to our paper.

*Ensuring effective representation*

The CUSU and GU Presidents are students' principal elected representatives: they are students' choice to represent them in all ways, including at the highest level.

Changing the elections in the way we propose would ensure that representation is consistently effective, as full time sabbatical officers are able to devote more time and effort to the business of University Council and have the support of their student union infrastructure in doing so. As reflected in most other University and intercollegiate committees – on which the norm is student representation by CUSU/GU sabbatical officers – we believe the University has recognized that full time officers offer a consistently higher quality of representation for students and in engaging constructively with University and intercollegiate business.

Historically, the CUSU President has almost always sat on University Council – our proposals would simply recognize what has almost always been the case under current election arrangements. Should the Council accept our arguments, we believe it would be a natural extension that the election for Graduate Union President would be deemed the election for one of the student member positions as well.

*Conduct of the election*

The current elections are marred by poor turnout and few (often just one) candidates stand, which undermines how representative those elected are of the student body. The CUSU/GU elections, by contrast, are well run and well-advertised, with hustings and debates to engage the electorate, and therefore enjoy substantially better turnout – thousands, rather than hundreds.

The University currently relies on JCRs/MCRs to run the election for the student members of the central bodies – elections that they are not responsible for running, but most do each year out of good will. However, each year a proportion of the electorate is disenfranchised, as not all JCRs/MCRs are successful in running ballot boxes and those that do often run them for very narrow voting periods. In the past, we have had situations where students standing for election are also running the ballot in their college: this is plainly unsatisfactory for the running of a free and fair election (though, as the election as it currently stands has no rules, there is little prospect of ensuring this anyway).

The CUSU/GU elections have a considerably higher degree of accountability, transparency, and fairness than the current arrangements. We have a clear set of election rules, full time officers dedicated to ensuring that the elections are free and fair, and a formal complaints procedure to deal with any issues that arise (with the Junior Proctor as ultimate arbiter).

Finally, one option outlined by the SACSMS paper is relegating student members to observer status. Student representatives enjoying full member status frames a very positive message about the seriousness with which the University takes student engagement – both within and beyond the University. It also gives the student members full involvement in and responsibility for the decisions reached, in a way that would not be possible if students were observers. We do not believe this proposal has been or should be seriously entertained, and we do not consider it an option on the table.

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS:

1. That the CUSU/GU elections for the posts of CUSU President and GU President (the principal student representatives of their respective constituencies) be deemed the election for two of the student members on University Council.
2. That the number of student representatives on the Council remains at three, with the third member being elected from and by all the students in the University in the CUSU/GU cross campus elections.
3. That similar changes be adopted for the General Board, with the election for CUSU Education Officer (the principal student representative in educational matters) and GU President (the only full time graduate representative) deemed the election for the two student members on General Board.
4. We take for granted that the student members of University Council will remain full Trustees, rather than be relegated to observer status.

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## OBITUARIES

JOHN ANTHONY (TONY) JOLOWICZ, QC, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Professor of Comparative Law Emeritus, died on 17 January 2012, aged 85 years.

## ACTA

### Congregation of the Regent House on 21 January 2012

A Congregation of the Regent House was held at 2 p.m. All the Graces that were submitted to the Regent House (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 398) were approved.

The following titular degree and degrees were conferred:

**Master of Arts *honoris causa***  
[Grace 1 of 22 October 2011]  
Raymond Francis Noel Murphy  
*Author of English Language Teaching Text-books*  
*in person*

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The Orator made the following speech when presenting Mr Murphy to the Vice-Chancellor for the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts:

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propria inest ratio quam uix humana capit mens.

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multosque docuit uerba nostra conari,  
magister artis ingenique largitor<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> cf. Persius, *Prologue to the Satires*.

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RAYMOND FRANCIS NOEL MURPHY,  
ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Magistri in Artibus.

*L*anguage is a form of human reason  
and has its reasons which are unknown to man.<sup>2</sup>

*If the words of Lévi-Strauss apply to any language, then surely they apply to English, with its many subtleties of meaning and expression. One cannot help but feel sympathy for those who wish to learn it, for difficulty will hinder their every step unless they apply themselves to the most skilful teacher! Such a teacher there now stands before us, who has shed light on these most obscure matters in his wonderfully clear text-books. A true Prometheus is he, who has revealed to mortals, as it were, divine mysteries. The editor at our own Press also, perhaps, has some claim to that name, who with great foresight accepted for publication as a single volume the work-sheets which our honorand had written for his students in Oxford's Swan Language School. 'My main fear in writing the first book,' says Mr Murphy, 'is that nobody would buy it.' He need not have worried. In the twenty-seven years since it first appeared, English Grammar in Use, whose fourth edition will be published next month, has sold over fifteen million copies, making it the world's best-selling English grammar book.*

*But you must not count him among the ivory-towered grammarians! He has no interest in grammar for its own sake, but in elucidating the finer points of the language in use. Nor does he have time for those who create a kind of mystique for themselves by devising opaque new terminology. No: 'Making things clear and simple. That's what interests me,' he says.*

*Goethe once wrote: Wer fremde Sprachen nicht kennt, weiss nichts von seiner eigenen.<sup>3</sup> He who teaches a foreign language, let us therefore agree, teaches more than just language. And since it is entirely appropriate that one who enables others to speak in a tongue not their own, and has opened up the English language to so many, should be called not just a Master of Arts but a teacher of wisdom,*

*Vice-Chancellor, members of the Regent House, I present to you*

RAYMOND FRANCIS NOEL MURPHY,  
author of English Language Teaching text-books,  
that he might receive the Title of the Degree of Master of Arts, honoris causa.

J. W. NICHOLLS, *Registrar*

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<sup>2</sup> Lévi-Strauss, *The Savage Mind*.

<sup>3</sup> He who is ignorant of foreign languages knows nothing of his own' (Goethe, *Kunst und Alterthum*).

**COLLEGE NOTICES****Elections****Selwyn College**

Elected to Honorary Fellowships with effect from 29 November 2011:

Mr Robert Dennis Harris, B.A., *SE*  
 Mr James Hugh Calum Laurie OBE, *SE*  
 General Sir Peter Anthony Wall KCB, CBE, ADC Gen,  
 M.A., *SE*

**Events**

*Magdalene College*: As part of the Festival of the Image 2011–12, Sandy Nairne, the Director of the National Portrait Gallery, will deliver the Festival Lecture for the Lent Term. The lecture is entitled *Portrait and image*, and will take place at 5 p.m. on 26 January 2012, in the Sir Humphrey Cripps Theatre, Magdalene College (entrance on Chesterton Road). Further details are available at <http://www.magd.cam.ac.uk> (follow link to ‘Magdalene Festival of the Image’).

**SOCIETIES, ETC.****Antiquarian Society**

The Society’s next lecture will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, 6 February 2012, in the Law Faculty Building, West Road. Further details are available at <http://www.camantsoc.org/events.html>.

**Philosophical Society**

The Society’s G. I. Taylor Lecture will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30 January 2012, in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Department of Chemistry, Lensfield Road. Further details are available at <http://www.cambridgephilosophicalsociety.org/lectures.shtml>.

**EXTERNAL NOTICES****Oxford Notices**

*Corpus Christi College, Lincoln College, and the Department of Economics*: Career Development Fellowships in Economics; salary £29,099–£35,788 a year; closing date: noon on 14 February 2012; further particulars: <http://www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/vacancies> or <http://www.linc.ox.ac.uk>

*Mansfield College*: Visiting Fellowship 2012–13; non-stipendiary; closing date: 9 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/about/vacancies.html>.

*Merton College*: Fitzjames Research Fellowship in Physical Chemistry; salary: £27,114 a year; closing date: 24 February 2012; further particulars: <http://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/index.shtml>

*New College*: One-Year College Stipendiary Lectureship in French; stipend: £24,370–£27,428 a year; closing date: 5 p.m. on 10 February 2012; further particulars: <http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/news/stipendiary-lectureship-french/>

*All Souls College*: Evans-Pritchard Lectureship; stipend and accommodation available; closing date: 9 March 2012; further particulars: [http://www.all-souls.ox.ac.uk/content/Evans-Pritchard\\_Lectureship](http://www.all-souls.ox.ac.uk/content/Evans-Pritchard_Lectureship)

*St Catherine’s College*: Graduate Scholarships; stipend: £1,500–£5,000 a year; closing date: 9 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/graduate-scholarships-current>

**OTHER EXTERNAL NOTICES****Woolf Institute, Cambridge****LECTURE**

Archbishop Vincent Nichols will give a lecture at 5.30 p.m. on 8 February 2012, in the Garden Room, St Edmund’s College. Further particulars are available at <http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/news/detail.asp?ItemID=365>.

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