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**NOTICES****Calendar**

16 February, *Thursday*. Sir Robert Rede's Lecture at 5.30 p.m. in the Senate-House, delivered by Lord Turner of Ecchinswell (see *Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 383).

18 February, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House (see p. 459).

4 March, *Sunday*. Preacher before the University at 11.15 a.m., Rt Rev. Dr A. Jackelen, Bishop of Lund (Hulsean Preacher).

5 March, *Monday*. End of third quarter of Lent Term.

**Discussions at 2 p.m.**

6 March

20 March

**Congregations**

18 February, *Saturday at 2 p.m.*

21 March, *Wednesday at 11 a.m.* (Installation of the Chancellor)

24 March, *Saturday at 10 a.m.*

**Discussion on Tuesday, 21 February 2012: Cancellation**

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that the Discussion announced for Tuesday, 21 February 2012, will not take place as there are no Reports ready for discussion.

The Reports published in this issue (p. 456 and p. 457) will be discussed on Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

**Dates of Discussions for 2012–13: Notice**

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that Discussions will be held on the following days in the academical year 2012–13:

**DISCUSSIONS**

(on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

MICHAELMAS TERM 2012	LENT TERM 2013	EASTER TERM 2013	LONG VACATION 2013
9 October	22 January	30 April	9 July
23 October	5 February	14 May	
6 November	19 February	28 May	
20 November	5 March	11 June	
4 December	19 March		

**Amending Statutes for Churchill College: Notice**

13 February 2012

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that he has received from the Governing Body of Churchill College, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(2) of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923, the text of a proposed Statute to amend the Statutes of the College. The current Statutes of the College and the amending Statute are available on the College's website (see [http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/about/official/statutes\\_and\\_ordinances/](http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/about/official/statutes_and_ordinances/)); paper copies may be inspected at the University Offices until 10 a.m. on 28 February 2012.

**Annual Reports of the Council and the General Board and Reports and Financial Statements for 2010–11: Notice in reply to Discussion remarks**

13 February 2012

The Council has considered the remarks at the Discussion on 24 January 2012 (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 428) about its own Annual Report for 2010–11, the General Board's Annual Report to the Council, and the Reports and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 July 2011. It has consulted the General Board on the remarks made about their Annual Report.

*University Council: Annual Report, 2010–11*

**1. Revision of the Statutes and Ordinances**

Professor G. R. Evans commented on the progress of the revision of the Statutes and Ordinances – the paragraph she quotes states:

10. A second round of internal consultation papers about the proposed new Statutes was published in the *Reporter* of 25 July 2011. It is intended thereafter that proposals for approval in principle will be put forward within the University. When the process of approval is complete, the new Statutes will be submitted by the

Council to the Regent House in the form of a Report to the University. It is expected that this final Report will be issued by Easter 2012 and that, if approved by Her Majesty in Council, will come into effect from a date or dates in 2013.

The Council intends a two-stage approach, with Reports on each of the draft Statutes first being approved in principle by the University followed by a Report consolidating all of the new Statutes in a form to present to the Privy Council when they have been approved by the University. The Council expects to receive the draft Reports for the first stage at its meeting in March 2012.

### *2. Sites and Buildings regulations*

Professor Evans also commented on the proposed Sites and Buildings regulations, suggesting that these regulations should be Ordinances, which would be amended by Grace, rather than by Notice by the Council, General Board, and Finance Committee. The Council has responded to these remarks in its Notice in reply to the Discussion remarks on the Joint Report of the Council and the General Board on the provision of sites and buildings regulations (see the Notice below), noting that the proposed regulations deal with detailed technical approval matters and to duplicate these provisions in Ordinance would cause unhelpful confusion. There has been no change in those matters relating to sites and buildings which currently require a Grace: such matters will continue to do so.

### *3. Council business*

The Council has made the interim report of the Working Group on Council business available on its website ([http://raven.intranet.admin.cam.ac.uk/committee/council/Council Meeting/2011/2011-11-21 - 21 Nov 2011/Item A5 \(d\) Working Group on Council Business.pdf](http://raven.intranet.admin.cam.ac.uk/committee/council/Council_Meeting/2011/2011-11-21_-_21_Nov_2011/Item_A5_(d)_Working_Group_on_Council_Business.pdf)) but notes that consideration of its proposals is ongoing.

### *4. Student Matters*

With regard to the Council's Standing Advisory Committee on Student Matters (SACSM), the Council is satisfied that other matters which hitherto featured on the SACSM's agenda are more appropriately the business of other bodies (which include student representation). The new body (the Committee for the Supervision of the Student Unions) will concentrate on the Council's formal responsibilities for scrutiny of the students' unions under the Code of Practice in Respect of Student Unions issued under Section 22 of the Education Act 1994.

### *5. OIA Pathway 3 Consultation*

Professor Evans also commented on the response sent on behalf of the University to the OIA Pathway 3 Consultation. (The response in full can be found at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/cam-only/offices/education/consultation/oia-pathway3.pdf>.) She commented in particular on statements in that response relating to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in which, as Chief Executive of the Improving Dispute Resolution Advisory Service for Further and Higher Education, she has a particular interest. The response referred to the work undertaken by Faculty and Departmental Directors of Teaching and of Graduate Studies and, particularly, by College Tutors in mediation of difficulties at a local level. It referred also to the increasing extent to which officers in the Unified Administrative Service who are charged with central oversight of complaints and appeals are increasingly pro-active in exploring means whereby cases can be resolved without going to full hearings. The response also noted that it would be difficult to see a role for Alternative Dispute Resolution in cases where students make representations about their examination results. The Council will, nevertheless, arrange for the University's position to be considered further once the outcome of the OIA consultation is known and in light of any EU directive on ADR.

### *6. Research grant funding*

The Council notes Mr Goode's comments on the fall in external research grant funding and the University's difficult economic situation over the next few years. It is pleased to note his comments about resumed discussions between the University and Colleges Union and the employers' representatives about changes to the USS Pension Scheme.

### *Annual Report of the General Board for the academic year 2010–11*

Professor Evans referred to the establishment of a Board of Educational and Professional Education (BEPE). The General Board cannot see why their establishment of that body to promote and monitor non-award bearing provision in these areas should, as Professor Evans asserts, be a cause of alarm. BEPE will, amongst other activities, ensure compliance by University Companies which are engaged in educational provision with the Memoranda of Understanding through which they were established. Professor Evans also asked why the M.Phil. programme in Management Research had been rescinded. This was because no students had been admitted to that programme since 2007–08.

The Council is submitting a Grace for the approval of its Annual Report (which includes the General Board's Report) (Grace 4, p. 458).

## **Joint Report of the Council and the General Board on the provision of sites and buildings regulations: Notice in reply to Discussion remarks**

### *13 February 2012*

The Council has received the remarks by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Resources at the Discussion on 24 January 2012 (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 430) of this Report.

It notes that, in her remarks on the Council's Annual Report, Professor G. R. Evans commented on the proposed Sites and Buildings regulations and suggested that these regulations seem to be 'in intention' Ordinances, which would be

amended by Grace, rather than by Notice by the Council, the General Board, and Finance Committee. The proposed regulations deal with detailed technical approval matters. If these require updating in future, in the light of legislation and external regulation, this should be a matter of informing the University rather than requiring its approval. The proposed regulations also include, for the assistance of staff, a comprehensive statement of all the existing provisions of Statutes and Ordinances insofar as they relate to sites and buildings. To duplicate these provisions in Ordinance would cause unhelpful confusion. There has been no change in those matters relating to sites and buildings which currently require a Grace: such matters will continue to do so.

The Council is submitting a Grace (Grace 5, p. 459) for the approval of the Report.

## 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/>.

**University Lecturer in Computer Vision and Machine Learning**; salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year; closing date: 23 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.eng.cam.ac.uk/admin/jobsinfo/ULComputerVision.pdf>; quote reference: NA13342.

**University Lecturers in Tectonics/Geophysics** (two posts); salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year; closing date: 2 April 2012; further particulars: email [ab78@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ab78@cam.ac.uk) (Department Administrator); quote reference: LB13421.

**University Lecturers in Victorian Literature and in American Literature** (two posts); salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year; closing date: 12 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/news/archives/category/vacancies>; quote reference: GG13151 for the Victorian Literature post or GG13141 for the American Literature post.

**Temporary Lecturer in English Literature since 1900**; salary: £36,862–£46,696 a year; limit of tenure: 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2013; further particulars: <http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/news/archives/category/vacancies>; quote reference: GG13132.

**SMUTS Research Fellowship in African Studies in the Centre of African Studies**; salary: £23,661 a year; limit of tenure: three years; closing date: 9 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.african.cam.ac.uk>; quote reference: UA13222.

*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.*

## 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>University Library</i>	Sandars Lectures 2012: <i>Printing the Latin Classics – some episodes</i> , by Professor Michael Reeve, FBA	<a href="http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/sandars/sandars_2012.html">http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/sandars/sandars_2012.html</a>
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## 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:

### Economics Tripos 2012

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

(*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 301)

An additional sentence has been inserted into the regulations, as follows:

#### PART I

*Paper 3. Quantitative methods in economics*

... Sections B and D will each contain two long questions of which students will be required to answer one. **The paper will be of three hours' duration with an additional fifteen-minute reading time prior to the beginning of the examination.** Statistical tables, and a list of the most important statistical formulae, will be provided.

## FORM AND CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS, 2011–12

Notices by Faculty Boards, or other bodies concerned, of changes to the form and conduct of certain examinations to be held in 2011–12, by comparison with those examinations in 2011, are published below. Complete details of the form and conduct of all examinations are available from the Faculties or Departments concerned.

### Economics Tripos 2012

The Faculty Board of Economics give notice that, with effect from the examinations to be held in 2012, the form of the examination for Part I, Paper 3 'Quantitative methods in economics' will include a fifteen-minute 'reading time' prior to the beginning of the examination.

The form of the examinations is otherwise unchanged.

## Examination for the degree of Master of Finance, Lent Term 2012: Correction

The Faculty Board of Business and Management announce the following correction to the Notice published on 14 December 2011 (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 341):

#### Course-work (elective subjects)

Private equity (open to M.B.A.)      Three individual assignments (10%, **20%**, and 10%), four group assignments (**10%**, **15%**, **10%**, and **25%**)

## REPORTS

### Report of the General Board on the establishment of a Professorship of Sustainable Reaction Engineering

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

1. Following a review of the research strategy of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Sustainable Reaction Engineering has been identified as an area of high priority. The creation of sustainable processes that allow scientists and industry to meet society's needs without damaging the environment is an immensely complex and urgent challenge with immediate industrial relevance and a significant impact on the global economy. It is a priority research funding area for UK Research Councils and industry. The Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology will contribute world-leading expertise in sustainable reaction engineering to the development of environmentally friendly and sustainable technologies targeted at reducing both energy demand and the production of carbon. Specifically, it aims to open up important new areas in low carbon chemical technology research.

2. The Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology already has considerable research strength in Sustainable Reaction Engineering. Its contributions in the field include the development of techniques for the separation and recovery of high-value chemicals present in waste packaging, used engine oils, and tyres; modelling of the spread of chemical spills in the atmosphere or ocean; and research into the storage of carbon dioxide to mitigate climate change. The Professor of Sustainable Reaction Engineering will strengthen these contributions and provide a clear focus for these efforts.

3. The Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology Syndicate have recommended the establishment from 1 April 2012 of a Professorship of Sustainable Reaction Engineering, and this has been endorsed by the Council of the School of Technology. In order to meet the recurrent costs of the Professorship, the Department have proposed that the vacant Readership in Sustainable Reaction Engineering (2007) be suppressed and the additional cost

be met from funds available to the Department. The General Board have accepted the proposal for the establishment of the Professorship on this basis.

4. The Board are satisfied that an appointment at this level will be likely to attract a strong field of applicants. They are assured that suitable accommodation is available in the Department of Chemical Engineering and

5. The General Board recommend:

That a Professorship of Sustainable Reaction Engineering be established in the University from 1 April 2012, placed in Schedule B of the Statutes, and assigned to the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, and that the Readership in Sustainable Reaction Engineering (2007) be suppressed.

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## Report of the General Board on the establishment of Professorships of Politics, Engineering, and Genetics

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

1. The Report of the Council on the financial position of the Chest, recommending allocations for 2011–12 (*Reporter*, 2010–11, p. 764) made provision to set aside £2m to facilitate staff restructuring, including measures to enhance the University's submission to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2014; further provision is included in the financial forecast for 2012–14. These non-recurrent allocations will, *inter alia*, enable a number of offices to be established from 1 October 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter, in anticipation of vacancies which are expected to occur through retirement not later than 30 September 2015. The census date for staff eligible for selection for the REF2014 is 31 October 2013. Following their consideration of detailed cases submitted by the Councils of the Schools to support succession planning and to enhance Departmental research profiles in anticipation of the REF, the General Board have agreed to recommend the establishment of the three Professorships, as proposed in this Report.

### *Professorship of Politics*

2. The Department of Politics and the Centre of International Studies made a joint submission to both the 2001 and 2008 Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs) and in 2009 the two institutions merged to become the Department of Politics and International Studies. This process of convergence has been accompanied by an enhanced research profile for the Department, including research outputs, increased research income, and a thriving research culture. Professor A. Gamble is due to retire from the Professorship of Politics on 30 September 2014. Since this Professorship is one of only two permanent Professorships in the Department and the only one in Politics, the Faculty Board of Human, Social, and Political Science consider an overlap with Professor Gamble to be essential. Accordingly, the Faculty Board have recommended to the General Board that a senior research figure in politics should be appointed in advance of Professor Gamble's retirement. The General Board have accepted the Faculty Board's case and propose that a Professorship of Politics be established in the Department of Politics and International Studies from 1 October 2012,

Biotechnology for the Professor, and the Department has undertaken to provide the necessary support and facilities. The Board have agreed that election to the Professorship should be made by an *ad hoc* Board of Electors and that candidature should be open to all persons whose work falls within the title of the Professorship.

permanently replacing the Professorship of Politics that will become vacant on 1 October 2014 on Professor Gamble's retirement.

### *Professorship of Engineering*

3. The Department of Engineering has achieved the highest possible rating in every RAE since 1992. Within the Information Engineering Division, the Control Engineering Group has maintained a leading international profile since the mid 1970s and continues to be widely renowned for its pro-active and successful research environment. The wider field of Information Engineering is also thriving, especially in the relatively new areas of Computational and Biological Learning and also Systems Biology with both the latter two areas overlapping considerably with Control Theory. The Department is conscious of the need to consolidate and enhance its pre-eminent position and to ensure that it remains at the forefront of research development in these new major areas of activity. Both the Department and the School of Technology have identified these developments as areas of strategic importance. Research within the Control Engineering Group is led by Professor K. Glover, who is due to retire on 30 September 2013. In order to ensure continuity of leadership, and to take forward research in these areas, the Faculty Board of Engineering have recommended to the General Board that a senior figure, with expertise in Control Theory and in at least one of the new fields identified, should be appointed in advance of Professor Glover's anticipated retirement. The General Board have accepted the Faculty Board's case and propose that a Professorship of Engineering be established in the Department of Engineering from 1 October 2012, permanently replacing the Professorship of Engineering (1974) that will become vacant on Professor Glover's retirement.

### *Professorship of Genetics*

4. The field of Genetics has made a major contribution to Biology and Medicine over the last century and, following a recent comprehensive review of the Department of Genetics, both the Department and the School of the Biological Sciences are confident that there is strong evidence that this role will continue. New technologies are

generating ever increasing amounts of data on genomes and the molecules and phenotypes that they encode. This will provide unprecedented new opportunities to be exploited in understanding the functions of genomes, cells, and individuals while building on the Department's historical strengths in the quantitative roots of the discipline. Professor D. Glover, who holds the Arthur Balfour Professorship of Genetics, is due to retire on 30 September 2015 and the Head of the Department considers an overlap with Professor Glover to be essential to consolidating existing research strengths and providing leadership for the substantial developments planned that will emphasize a quantitative and systems approach to Genetics. Accordingly, the Faculty Board of Biology have proposed to the General Board that Professor Glover's successor should take up appointment in advance of his retirement and preferably by 1 October 2012. The General Board accordingly propose that a single-tenure Professorship of Genetics be established in the Department of Genetics from 1 October 2012, for the Arthur Balfour Professor Elect, in anticipation of Professor Glover's retirement.

7. The General Board recommend:

I. That a Professorship of Politics be established in the University from 1 October 2012, placed in Schedule B of the Statutes, and assigned to the Department of Politics and International Studies, on condition that the Professorship of Politics be suppressed on the retirement of the current holder.

II That a Professorship of Engineering be established in the University from 1 October 2012, placed in Schedule B of the Statutes, and assigned to the Department of Engineering, on condition that the Professorship of Engineering (1974) be suppressed on the retirement of the current holder.

III. That a Professorship of Genetics be established in the University for one tenure from 1 October 2012, placed in Schedule B of the Statutes, and assigned to the Department of Genetics.

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## GRACES

### Graces submitted to the Regent House on 15 February 2012

The Council submits the following Graces to the Regent House. These Graces, other than any which is withdrawn or for which a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 107), will be deemed to have been approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 24 February 2012.

1. That Professor Sir John Baker, of St Catharine's College, be appointed one of the Septemviri to serve for two years from 1 January 2012.
2. That Professor Dame Sandra Dawson, of Sidney Sussex College, be appointed one of the Septemviri to serve for two years from 1 January 2012.
3. That Professor Dame Jean Thomas, Master of St Catharine's College, be appointed one of the Septemviri to serve for two years from 1 January 2012.
4. That the Annual Report of the Council for the academical year 2010–11, dated 21 November 2011, (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 216) be approved.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See the Council's Notice on p. 453.

5. That the recommendations in paragraph 7 of the Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 28 November 2011 and 2 November 2011, on the provision of sites and buildings regulations (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 216) be approved.<sup>2</sup>

6. That the recommendations in paragraph 5 of the Report of the General Board, dated 23 December 2011, on the establishment of a Chong Hua Professorship of Chinese Development (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 389) be approved.

7. That the recommendations in paragraph 6 of the 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) be approved.

8. That the recommendations in paragraph 6 of the Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on the establishment of a Professorship of Statistics (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 391) be approved.

9. That the recommendations in paragraph 3 of the 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) be approved.

10. That the recommendations in paragraph 11 of the 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) be approved.

11. That Regulations 2 and 3 for the Sidney Allen Prize be amended so as to read:<sup>3</sup>

2. The Prize shall be awarded annually by, jointly, the Chairmen of Examiners for the Linguistics Tripos, and for Part II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, for a distinguished overall performance in Linguistics by a candidate for any Part II examination for the Linguistics Tripos or the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.

3. To be eligible for consideration for the Prize a candidate shall have offered for examination at Part II at least three papers available in the Linguistics Tripos at Part IIA or Part IIB, or the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos at Part II relating to the study of language in general, or the study of the history and structure of specific languages or families of languages. The Faculty Board of Modern and Medieval Languages shall announce from time to time the papers in the Triposes designated as meeting the requirements for the Prize.

### **Graces to be submitted to the Regent House at a Congregation on 18 February 2012**

The Council has sanctioned the submission of the following Graces to the Regent House at a Congregation to be held on 18 February 2012:

That the following person be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts by incorporation:

1. Eleanor Catherine Blair, Computer Officer in the Department of Engineering and Master of Arts of the University of Oxford (2003).

That the following persons be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts under the provisions of Statute B, III, 6:

2. Andrew Blackhurst, Senior Manager in the Local Examinations Syndicate.

3. Sukhvinder Kaur Gahir, Senior Manager in the Local Examinations Syndicate.

4. Jacqueline Teresa Ann Greatorex, Senior Manager in the Local Examinations Syndicate.

5. Albert Guillén i Fàbregas, Fellow of Trinity Hall and University Lecturer in the Department of Engineering.

6. Sarah Diana Parkin, Counsellor in the University Counselling Service.

7. Rosemary Ann Parkinson, Counsellor in the University Counselling Service.

<sup>2</sup> See the Council's Notice on p. 454.

<sup>3</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 728. The regulation changes take account of the change to the structure of the Linguistics Tripos and extend eligibility to all candidates for Part IIA of that Tripos.



8. Mark David Shannon, Senior Manager in the Local Examinations Syndicate.
9. Stephen Martin Shorrocks, Computer Officer in the Department of Engineering.
10. Olivier Tonneau, Fellow of Homerton College.

## ACTA

### Approval of Graces submitted to the Regent House on 1 February 2012

All the Graces submitted to the Regent House on 1 February 2012 (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 425) were approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 10 February 2012.

J. W. NICHOLLS, *Registrar*

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## REPORT OF DISCUSSION

### Tuesday, 7 February 2012

A Discussion was held in the Senate-House. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Lynn Gladden was presiding, with the Registrar's Deputy, the Junior Proctor, a Pro-Proctor, and six other persons present.

The following Reports were discussed:

***Report of the General Board, dated 21 November 2011, on the establishment of an MRC Research Professorship of Biostatistics*** (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 388)

Professor A. W. F. EDWARDS (Fellow of Gonville and Caius College):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I have no remarks to make on the substance of this Report, but only on the title proposed for the Professorship. The name of an MRC Unit is not the business of the University, but the title of one of its Professorships is, and I suggest that in this case the one does not easily transfer to the other. 'MRC Research Professorship of Biostatistics' is not appropriate for two reasons.

First, the University does not have Research Professorships. There is no provision for them in the Statutes. All Professors have a duty to promote the University as a place of education, religion, learning, and research, to give instruction to students, to undertake such examining as may be required, and to advance knowledge in their subject. I hope the University will never go down the American road of Research Professorships, Distinguished Professorships, Distinguished Research Professorships and so forth. Let it continue to be sufficient distinction to be a Cambridge University Professor.

Secondly, the use of acronyms in the formal titles of Professorships ought to be avoided. Our titles should be comprehensible world-wide, and although acronyms such as MRC [Medical Research Council] may be familiar to us, this is not necessarily the case elsewhere. (Presumably the acronyms KPMG, BP, and GKN in the titles of existing Professorships are now the actual names of the

organizations concerned, unlike MRC.) Furthermore, spelling 'MRC' out in full makes 'Research' in 'Research Professorship' redundant anyway. By contrast, the informal use of acronyms is of course entirely acceptable.

I should also like to record my regret over the misuse of the word 'Biostatistics'. It is inappropriate shorthand for 'Medical Statistics' even though sanctioned by usage in the MRC and the United States. I speak as the former Professor of Biometry and former President of the British Region of the International Biometric Society. The prefix 'bio' refers to all life ('organic life' according to the Oxford English Dictionary) as in 'biology', 'biometry', and 'biomathematics', and should not be hijacked to refer only to humans and in a medical context. Cambridge should be specially sensitive to this misuse, the word 'biometry' itself having been coined here by William Whewell in 1831. I am therefore sorry to see the University adopting 'Biostatistics' in a formal title.

***Report of the General Board, dated 23 December 2011, on the establishment of a Chong Hua Professorship of Chinese Development*** (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 389)

Professor W. A. BROWN (Head of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences is delighted to receive the benefaction from the Chong Hua Foundation. The Chong Hua Educational Foundation was established by two individual investors in Hong Kong and mainland China who wish to remain anonymous. It has not received any donations from other individuals or from any government, or from institutions associated with any government. A fully funded Professorship in the field of development studies has been one of our aspirations for at least twenty years. The University of Cambridge has an excellent record in research and education in development studies that goes back over fifty years, but it has been based on an independent Committee structure. This fully endowed Professorship offers a more solid foundation on which we shall be able to develop the subject and its connections with other disciplines, in happy coincidence with the new Alison Richard Building in which it will be housed.

Professor A. M. GAMBLE (Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies) (read by Professor W. A. BROWN):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the generous donation from the Chong Hua Foundation to endow a Professorship in Chinese Development is a valuable permanent addition to the resources for teaching and research on China at Cambridge. It is also a major contribution to the expansion of Development Studies in this University. The study of modern China has become essential for understanding some of the most important contemporary forces reshaping the international economy and international politics. It makes the Department of Politics and International Studies a highly appropriate location for this Professorship and for the new Centre of Development Studies, and the establishment of both are warmly welcomed by the Department.

**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)

No remarks were made on this Report.

**Report of the General Board, dated 11 January 2012, on the establishment of a Professorship of Statistics** (*Reporter*, 2011–12, p. 391)

No remarks were made on this Report.

**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)

Professor W. A. BROWN (Head of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the inter-disciplinary activity in the University around African Studies, Development Studies, Latin American Studies, and South Asian Studies, has evolved over the years. This has meant that, despite the excellent teaching and research that they carry out, their institutional and financial position has not been secure. With the creation of the new Faculty of Human, Social, and Political Science it makes sense to bring them together with the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), with which they are now sharing the new Alison Richard Building. This Report provides them with constitutions, which will protect their academic focus. The School of the Humanities and Social Sciences strongly supports it.

Professor A. M. GAMBLE (Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies) (read by Professor W. A. BROWN):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the interdisciplinary Centres at Cambridge have long played an important role in bringing together researchers and teachers from many different Departments and Faculties. It is essential that this role be preserved. Bringing the Centres together with the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) in the manner proposed will protect the academic autonomy of the Centres while strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration and administrative support, and will provide a new focus for Cambridge's teaching and research on international, area, and development studies, and the large postgraduate community associated with them. The

Department of Politics and International Studies looks forward to a fruitful collaboration with the Centres and to helping them raise their profile in the University and beyond.

**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)

Mr G. H. TULLY (student member of the University Council, and President of Cambridge University Students Union):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I warmly welcome the proposals contained in the Report. Its suggestions will make for a stronger electoral process as far as election of student members is concerned; and second, it enshrines a significant point about the kind of relationship this University wishes to have with its undergraduate and graduate student populations.

On the first point: if we consider that the University Council and General Board are bodies of the utmost importance, and we agree that election rather than appointment or any other mechanism is the best means by which we should supply the members of those bodies, it follows that it is desirable to have as rigorous and as participatory an electoral process as possible.

In the case of student members, this has long been offered by the Cambridge University Students Union (CUSU) and Graduate Union (GU) annual elections. Over four thousand students voted in the 2011 CUSU Elections, many times the number who voted in the University Council and General Board elections which followed shortly afterwards. The CUSU and GU elections generate significant attention in the student press and have a packed schedule of hustings and debates, which provides a level of scrutiny and substantive debate about character and policies that the University's own elections have not managed to generate among the student body. We successfully run ballot boxes in almost every College – 30 out of 31 last year – by tapping into the goodwill of JCR and MCR Committee members to manage and oversee them.

The University Council elections, coming as they do at the very end of a busy term, have often failed to be as widespread, which is to the detriment both of students who might wish to have easy access to voting, and to the Council and General Board's standing among the student body. It is a welcome development that the University feels that CUSU and the Graduate Union have sufficiently well-developed and legitimate processes to consider our electoral systems able to elect student members. We work hard each year to craft a strong and enforceable set of rules, ensure independent and external oversight of the counting processes, and generate as much student interest as possible.

There is however an important distinction – which is that we do not propose the Council and Board members elected under this system will be bound by the policies of the Unions which employ them, nor should they hold office as any kind of 'ex officio' arrangement. The election to the Council and General Board are separate and distinctive positions conveyed by the same electoral process which chooses the relevant student Sabbatical Officers, rather than a subservient component of the job description for those positions. This is an entirely fair reflection of the importance memberships of the Council and Board have in their own right.

Enshrining student representation at the highest levels of the University is vitally important. It strengthens channels of communications, gives student representatives

buy-in to the key strategic decisions the University is making, and fosters an atmosphere of partnership rather than an adversarial one. With the impending review of Statutes coming to the Regent House, I am pleased to see the Council and General Board take such a strong stance in defence of student membership – full, responsible membership – of the most important committees in the University. I therefore commend this Report in its entirety.

Mr M. A. WILD (student member of the University Council, and of the General Board, and Education Officer of Cambridge University Students Union):

Madame Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I would like to echo unreservedly the endorsement of this Report by my colleague Mr Tully, and warmly thank the officers of the University who have put the hard work into bringing this Report before the Regent House.

This is a reaffirmation of the seriousness with which the University Council – and, we confidently hope, the wider University – treats student representation. Student representation is now guaranteed across the University, in almost all areas that affect students. With that representation comes a far more productive relationship between students and the University.

We believe that the substantial advances that the University has made in making sure that students' views are adequately represented at all levels – of which this Report is the most welcome – reflect a much more consistently positive attitude towards engaging with students than has, perhaps, historically been the case.

We were, of course, somewhat concerned by the draft for the technical review of the Statutes which was put out for consultation.<sup>1</sup> The proposed elimination of the statutory requirement for student representatives at University Council contained within that document reflects a far more worrying approach to student representation. The accompanying note suggests that the rationale for 'permitting' but not 'requiring' the election of student members is that there are 'potentially onerous obligations' that flow from being a charity trustee.

As a current student member of University Council, I feel I can be quite clear in saying that I do not find the obligations, important as they are, too onerous – though I do thank the author for his concern. And this Report has reassured me that the Council and the General Board fully endorse the importance of student representation and, rather than taking the backwards step suggested in the Technical Review, wishes to yet further enshrine students at the heart of University governance.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2010-11/weekly/6233/section2.shtml>

Mr S. R. WAKEFORD (Trinity Hall) (read by Mr M. A. WILD):

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I was the author of the original October 2009 paper presented to the University Council's Standing Advisory Committee on Student Matters (SACSM) that is annexed to this Report; and also of remarks at the April 2010 Discussion referenced in this Report that exhorted the Council to 'expedite' these necessary changes.

It would, of course, be disingenuous of me to express surprise at the length of time that has since elapsed, and would perhaps be churlish to note that SACSM has itself been disbanded, and that I have begun and then completed a full term of office on the Council in the intervening

period. The arguments in favour of change are longstanding and overwhelming, and I leave my colleague-successors to present them again here. I wish only to emphasize that the more recent student paper, annexed as A (ii), represents the consensus student position, and that the developments it incorporates in aspects of minor detail, relative to the earlier paper in A (i), have been long agreed. I commend this Joint Report to the Regent House.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Elections

#### *Jesus College*

Elected to Fellowships with effect from 1 October 2012:

Rebecca Reich, B.A., *Yale*, Ph.D., *Harvard*  
Michael Waibel, Mag. iur., *Vienna*, MSc., *LSE*, Dr. iur.,  
*Vienna*, LL.M., *Harvard*  
James Purdon, B.A., *EM*  
Adam James Harper, M.Math., *Oxford*

#### *St John's College*

Elected to Fellowships under Title B, from 17 April 2012:

Kristian Franze, Ph.D., *Leipzig*  
Isabel M. Palacios, Ph.D., *Heidelberg*

Elected to Fellowships under Title A, from 1 October 2012:

Emile Chabal, B.A., M.Phil., *T*  
Katrina Max Forrester, B.A., *MUR*, M.Phil., *K*  
John Slight, B.A., *Q*, M.Phil., *TH*  
Robert Nicholas Maxwell Watson, B.S., *Carnegie Mellon*, Ph.D., *W*

Elected to Honorary Fellowships:

Professor Andrew David Hamilton, Ph.D., *JN*, FRS  
Professor David William Harvey, B.A., Ph.D., *JN*

### Vacancies and scholarships

*Christ's College*: Fixed-term College Lectureship in English associated with a Fellowship of Christ's College; closing date: 23 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/jobs>.

*Lucy Cavendish College*: Alice Tong Sze Research Fellowship – for research in the arts, especially languages – and Lu Gwei Djen Research Fellowship – for research, preferably in applied medicine or biology; stipend: £17,179 a year; tenure: one year in the first instance, as from 1 October 2012, renewable annually until 30 September 2015; closing date: noon on 14 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk>.\*

Ethel Cruickshank Research Fellowship (in science); non-stipendiary, includes meal allowance; closing date: noon on 14 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk>.\*

\* These positions at Lucy Cavendish College are for women only as, by the Employment Act 1989, the College has exemption from the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975 in relation to gender.

*St Edmund's College*: G. L. S. Shackle Studentship; tenure: a single Cambridge University term during the 2012–13 academical year; benefits: £2,000 or one term's free single accommodation in College, plus meals allowance; closing date: 30 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/posts/shackle-studentship-2012/index.php>.

*St John's College*: College Associate Lectureship and Fellowship in English; stipend: £31,798–£35,788 a year, plus College benefits; tenure: five years; closing date: 9 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/college-associate-lectureship-and-fellowship-english>.

## Events

*Emmanuel College*

### Cambridge Seminars in the History of Cartography

The next seminar in the series will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 February 2012, in the Gardner Room, Emmanuel College. Lucy Donkin, Department of History of Art, will deliver a seminar entitled *Mapping consecration in twelfth-century Italy and beyond*. Further details are available at <http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/maps/camsem1112.html>.

## SOCIETIES, ETC.

### Cambridge University Ballet Club

Cambridge University Ballet Club will be performing Sergei Prokofiev's *Cinderella* at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23, Friday, 24, and Saturday, 25 February 2012, at the Mumford Theatre, Anglia Ruskin University. Tickets: £8 (£6, concessions). Further details are available at [http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/microsites/mumford\\_theatre/events/cinderella.html](http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/microsites/mumford_theatre/events/cinderella.html).

## NOTICE BY THE UNIVERSITY BELLRINGER

On Monday, 6 February 2012, at the University Church of St Mary the Great, the following rang a quarter-peal of 1302 Changes of Grandsire Triples:

1. Frank H. King
2. Felicity J. C. Webster
3. Susan B. Binns
4. Philip J. Hensman
5. Alan T. Winter (Conductor)
6. Frederick R. W. M. Manners
7. Maximillian L. D. Drinkwater
8. Christopher D. Surridge

This ringing was to mark the 60th anniversary of the Accession of HM The Queen. It followed a visit to the Ringing Room by Duncan Robinson CBE DL, Deputy for the Right Worshipful the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz DL, and by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, who attended a presentation about the bells and the ringing by the University Bellringer, Dr Frank King.

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

### Oxford Notices

*Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine*: Professorship of Genomics and Global Health; closing date: 26 March 2012; further particulars: [http://www.ox.ac.uk/about\\_the\\_university/jobs/fp/](http://www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/jobs/fp/).

*The Queen's College*: Browne Fellowship in Biological Science or Biochemistry; salary: £24,629 a year, plus benefits; closing date: 30 March 2012; further particulars: <http://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/vacancies>.

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