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NOTICES

Calendar

- 1 April, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.
- 9 April, *Sunday*. Easter Day. Scarlet Day.
- 17 April, *Monday*. Easter Term begins.
- 19 April, *Wednesday*. First ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in the Easter Term.
- 25 April, *Tuesday*. Full Term begins. Mere's Commemoration Sermon in St Benedict's Church at 11.45 a.m. Preacher, Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, of Newnham and St Edmund's Colleges, Senior Research Fellow, The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology and Director, The Religious Life Institute.

Discussion on Tuesday, 2 May 2023

The Acting Vice-Chancellor invites members of the Regent House, University and College employees, registered students and others qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111) to attend a Discussion by videoconference on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 2 p.m. The following items will be discussed:

1. Report of the General Board, dated 22 March 2023, on the establishment of a Professorship (*Reporter*, 6693, 2022–23, p. 480).
2. Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (*Reporter*, 6694, 2022–23, p. 487).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk from their University email account, providing their CRSid (if a member of the collegiate University), by 10 a.m. on the date of the Discussion to receive joining instructions. Alternatively contributors may email their remarks to contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk, copying ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk, by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,¹ or may ask someone else who is attending to read the remarks on their behalf.

In accordance with the regulations for Discussions, the Chair of the Board of Scrutiny or any ten members of the Regent House² may request that the Council arrange for one or more of the items listed for discussion to be discussed in person (usually in the Senate-House). Requests should be made to the Registry, on paper or by email to UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk from addresses within the cam.ac.uk domain, by no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the Discussion. Any changes to the Discussion schedule will be confirmed in the *Reporter* at the earliest opportunity.

General information on Discussions is provided on the University Governance site at <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/decision-making/discussions/>.

¹ Any comments sent by email should please begin with the name and title of the contributor as they wish it to be read out and include at the start a note of any College and/or Departmental affiliations held.

² <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/.

Graces 2 and 3 of 15 March 2023 (Examinations, 2023): Notice of a ballot

27 March 2023

The Acting Vice-Chancellor has received a proposal for the amendment of Grace 2 of 15 March 2023 signed by 171 members of the Regent House. He has also received a request signed by 171 members of the Regent House for a vote to be taken on Grace 3 of 15 March 2023. The names of the signatories are listed in Annexes A and B below.

Grace 2 at present reads as follows:

2. That, in respect of any examination held in the Easter Term 2023,^[1]
 - (a) the Registry may, notwithstanding the Ordinances for the Dates of Examinations and for the Approval of Class-lists (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 254 and p. 258),
 - (i) start an examination later than as prescribed by Ordinance;
 - (ii) accept a list later than the latest day or time prescribed by Ordinance;
 - (iii) accept and publish a list that has been signed by a majority but not by all of the Examiners present;
 - (iv) accept lists that have not been signed by External Examiners where such Examiners have been appointed but have resigned and it has not been possible to appoint replacements;
 - (v) accept any amended list.

^[1] See the Council's Notice (*Reporter*, 6692, 2022–23, p. 462).

(b) when candidates have completed all of the requirements for assessment as determined by the Faculty Board or Degree Committee under the 2022–23 Framework for Assessment,^[2] but there is outstanding information due to marking not being completed by the Examiners for candidates to be classed, Examiners can include the names of some or all of the candidates on the class-list under the following headings:

(i) **‘Candidates who have been declared to have deserved honours.’**

This would be applied where Examiners have evidence from the marks available to them that candidates have reached the honours standard. It would apply to examinations that are classed, honours degrees, such as Tripos examinations and some taught Master’s Degrees such as the LL.M. Degree. These candidates would be eligible to graduate and would be classed at such time as marks are available to the Examiners. The Examiners would need to reconvene to assign classes.

(ii) **‘Candidates successful in the examination.’**

This would be applied where Examiners have evidence from the marks available to them that candidates have passed the examination. This would be applied to degrees which are pass/fail, including those with marks for credit and distinction, such as the M.Math. and M.A.St. Degrees. These candidates would be eligible to graduate and would be given a mark of credit or distinction at such time as marks are available to the Examiners. The Examiners would need to reconvene to assign these marks.

(iii) **‘Candidates on whom no decision has yet been reached because of insufficient evidence.’**

This would be applied where candidates did not have enough marks for the Examiners to award a class, agree that they have reached honours standard or passed the examination. Such candidates would not be eligible to graduate. The Examiners would need to reconvene to consider these candidates.

^[2] See *Reporter*, 2021–22: 6642, p. 214 and 6645, p. 246

The proposed amendment to Grace 2 is as follows:

2. That, in respect of any examination held in the Easter Term 2023, the Registry may, notwithstanding the Ordinances for the Dates of Examinations and for the Approval of Class-lists (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 254 and p. 258),

- (i) start an examination later than as prescribed by Ordinance;
- (ii) accept a list later than the latest day or time prescribed by Ordinance.

The Council has agreed to authorise submission of the amendment. There will therefore be a ballot on both Grace 2 and Grace 3 of 15 March 2023, held in accordance with the Single Transferable Vote regulations.

When considering the request for a ballot and the request to make an amendment, the Council received information on the potential impact on students, should there be a marking and assessment boycott in the Easter Term but without the mitigations that these Graces as originally drafted provide. In brief, without these Graces, some students will not be able to be awarded their degree and graduate to a normal timescale in the event of a marking and assessment boycott affecting their assessment. The Council noted that the powers sought in the Graces would only be exercised in cases where candidates have completed all assessment requirements and there is academic evidence for the examiners to make an award. The Council also noted the very significant reputational and regulatory risks to the University. It also understands that the majority of the University’s peer institutions in the Russell Group, including Oxford, already have such powers. The Council will provide further information to members of the Regent House early next term, so that they can make an informed decision on how to vote on these two Graces.

Ballot timetable

The ballot will follow the timetable already published for a contested election to the Council in class (b) (*Reporter*, 6692, 2022–23, p. 463):

5 p.m. on 4 April 2023	Deadline for amendments to Grace 3
1 p.m. [12 noon] on Friday, 21 April 2023	Deadline for fly-sheets [deadline for Council election nominations]
10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 May 2023	Voting opens
5 p.m. on Monday, 15 May 2023	Voting closes
Wednesday, 17 May 2023	Results published in the <i>Reporter</i>

Annex A: Signatories of the request for an amendment to Grace 2 of 15 March 2023

R. A. ALEXANDER	R. J. GRUIJTERS	D. NIETLISPACH
J. H. ARNOLD	J. A. GUARNERI	R. R. O'BRYEN
W. J. ASTLE	N. S. M. GUYATT	T. C. O'CONNELL
A. J. ATTAHERI	S. HAGGARTY	R. A. OLIVER
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R. D. CAMINA	A. J. HUTCHINGS	D. I. REDHOUSE
M. E. CHESTER-KADWELL	M. J. HYVÖNEN	A. M. REID
A. CHRISTOFILOPOULOU	L. JANIK	R. H. RHODES
R. M. COLEMAN	C. JOHANN	D. C. D. ROBERTS
P. J. CONNELL	C. A. JONES	C. RUSSELL
N. CRISAFI	N. KATSOS	A. SANCHEZ
G. M. CRONIN	I. KAVEDZIJA	E. R. SANDFORD
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M. I. DHONT	C. L. LEMANSKI	MATTHEW SPARKES
S. N. DIEPEVEEN	M. LENGYEL	S. SRINIVASAN
K. S. M. DIHAL	M. P. LEVENTHAL	R. D. ST JOHNSTON
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A. L. ERICKSON	H. R. MCCARTHY	N. E. TAYLOR
M. E. EROL	N. MACDONALD	P. N. TAYLOR
K. ESTEFAN	R. G. MACFARLANE	A. J. W. THOM
G. L. EVANS	L. C. MCMAHON	J. E. THOMPSON
G. R. EVANS	ALYCE MAHON	R. P. THOMPSON
R. C. EVANS	P. MANDLER	T. TREGEAR
S. W. FINNEY	D. MARGOCZY	V. VERGIANI
S. B. FRANKLIN	GRAHAM MARTIN	R. I. WATSON
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G. M. FRASER	S. MEER	D. H. WEISS
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Annex B: Signatories of the request for a ballot on Grace 3 of 15 March 2023

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Council statement

27 March 2023

You may be aware that in recent weeks some University departments and museums have been subject to damage and disruption which have included smashing glass doors and spraying paint. These incidents have followed other, similar attacks on University buildings. The Council has decided to make the following statement in response.

Council statement regarding the intimidation of staff and students

The Council condemns any act of violence which results in the intimidation of members of our University community when going about their daily activities. Recent attacks involving damage to University property have created a growing sense of insecurity for staff and students; this is completely unacceptable.

The actions of a small number of activists which are threatening to staff and students mean that we must spend additional time and resources to protect our people.

The Council unequivocally supports freedom of speech and the right to protest within the law. However, the intimidation of our staff and students runs completely against the spirit of considered public discussion that we embody at this University and stands in the way of the academic freedom which the University so fiercely protects.

Equality and pay reporting, 2021–22

27 March 2023

The 2021–22 Equality and Diversity Information Report is now available on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion website at <https://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/equality-reports> and on the *Reporter* website at <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2022-23/weekly/6695/EDI-Report-2022.pdf>. The Report provides a summary of activities and initiatives in support of the University's Equality and Diversity Strategy, and presents an overview of equality information on the University's staff and student communities.

The report also incorporates the following:

- The mandatory **Gender Pay Gap Report 2022**, published in accordance with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017. Figures can also be viewed on the government's gender pay gap viewing service at <https://gender-pay-gap.service.gov.uk/viewing>.
- The **Equal Pay Review 2022**, and the **Staff Statistical Information Report 2022**, both of which are published in line with commitments made to the Regent House, arising from the Second Joint Report of the Council and the General Board on new pay and grading arrangements for non-clinical staff (*Reporter*: 6002, 2004–05, p. 745 and 6012, 2005–06, p. 56).

ACTA

Approval of Graces submitted to the Regent House on 15 March 2023

Of the Graces submitted to the Regent House on 15 March 2023 (*Reporter*, 6692, 2022–23, p. 468), an amendment has been received on Grace 2,¹ a ballot has been requested on Grace 3,¹ and Graces 1, 4, 5 and 6 were approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 24 March 2023.

¹ See the Council's Notice on p. 585.

Result of ballot on Grace 2 of 9 February 2023 (non-submission of fossil fuel industry ties Grace)

27 March 2023

The Registry gives notice that, as a result of the ballot held between 15 and 24 March 2023, Grace 2 of 9 February 2023 was **approved**:

The Grace reads as follows:

That the recommendation in paragraph 5 of the Report of the Council, dated 25 October 2022, pursuant to Special Ordinance A (ii) 7 concerning an initiated Grace relating to fossil fuel industry ties (*Reporter*, 6673, 2022–23, p. 84) be approved.

The results of the voting on this Grace are as follows:

<i>Number of valid votes</i> : 1,585 (no invalid votes)	
In favour of the Grace (<i>placet</i>)	1,032
Against the Grace (<i>non-placet</i>)	553

Three fly-sheets signed by members of the Regent House, two fly-sheets signed by registered students and sabbatical officers of the University of Cambridge Students' Union, and a statement in response on behalf of the Council were received in relation to this ballot. In accordance with the Council's Notice on Discussions and Fly-sheets (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 116), the three fly-sheets by members of the Regent House and the statement in response are reprinted below (from p. 591); the two student fly-sheets are not reproduced. All six items were made available to members of the Regent House prior to voting.

E. M. C. RAMPTON, *Registry*

END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'

FLY-SHEETS REPRINTED**Fly-sheets relating to the ballot on Grace 2 of 9 February 2023 (non-submission of fossil fuel industry ties Grace)**

In accordance with the Council's Notice on Discussions and Fly-sheets (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 116), the three fly-sheets by members of the Regent House and the Council statement in response received for the ballot on Grace 2 of 9 February 2023 (non-submission of Grace on fossil fuel industry ties) are reprinted below. For the result of the ballot, see p. 590.

Non-placet fly-sheet on Grace 2 of 9 February 2023

The University Council is treating the proposal to cut fossil fuel ties in the same way that it dealt with the proposal to divest—by commissioning reports and delaying change for as long as possible. Like divestment, this is a moral question on which members of Regent House should be trusted to vote with their consciences.

If we care about the University of Cambridge, we must care about its survival and about the realisation of its potential as a force for good in the world. Both are at present seriously threatened, due to our failure to see that the climate emergency calls for deep and transformative change together with concerted moral and intellectual leadership. Instead of taking the necessary steps, we are tagging along behind a global community that has given up on serious climate action. Our governments have chosen to safeguard our 'way of life' rather than our lives and have congratulated themselves for putting in place wholly inadequate programmes of emissions reduction, while they inflate the hope that technological breakthroughs or geoengineering will avert the disasters that are being baked into the system. This is an intolerable situation and one that demands the strongest of responses.

Cambridge needs to cut ties with the fossil fuel industry and it needs to do it now. It is not just that any collusion with that industry will look unforgivable in the future, although it surely will. More pressingly, our failure to act represents an abdication of the responsibility that comes with our cultural influence. Dozens of universities across the country are working on climate solutions, and their output is sometimes as good as, perhaps even better than, that of Cambridge. But our contribution is not only technological; it is also based on the multidisciplinary thinking that only a University like ours can provide. We are in a unique position to lead on the stigmatization of the fossil fuel industry, contributing to a change in social norms that could hasten the arrival of much-needed legislation. The benefits of this approach will far outweigh the loss of a few research grants and collaborations, which in any case are subject to a growing scepticism about the integrity of all fossil-funded research.

Our cultural influence has a flipside, too. Currently we are through our collaborations legitimating the lobbying and advertising of the industry and its trade associations. For all the talk of 'engaging' with companies to transform their behaviour, Shell and BP (our most significant partners) have not left any industry associations in years; the percentage of Shell's capital expenditure dedicated to exploration for new reserves is higher than that of Exxon and Chevron; and BP and Shell have just publicly rowed back on their already inadequate climate commitments. Collaborating with these institutions is not a neutral act. We are propping up the main barrier to climate action, a state of affairs that will come to seem as indefensible as collusion in delaying the legislation that ended the trans-Atlantic slave trade. When divers descend into an underwater Cambridge, they will not be assessing the utility of a particular carbon capture project that—we are told—requires industry know-how or data-sharing. They will want to know how we deployed our clout, our influence, our cultural legitimacy.

At present we are hopelessly compromised. We claim to work only with companies that are aligned with our climate goals, but we employ get-out clauses that make a mockery of that commitment. We claim to work only on 'green' technologies, but we know that much of that research can and will be used in fossil extraction. We cannot expect change to come from on high. Oxford's new Vice-Chancellor has already spoken in defence of working with the fossil fuel sector. Cambridge's Acting Vice-Chancellor says his watchword is 'collaboration' and his key question 'what would a great University do in this situation?'—to which the implied answer is, stick with the herd. The instinct of the modern university is to follow the money wherever it may lead, in the belief that scientific progress and material advantage will march hand-in-hand into an endless future. We can now see how mistaken this belief is, and what needs to be done to forestall the most extreme disaster scenarios. And yet we perpetuate the gradualist institutional and bureaucratic logics that have led us to our current position, in which we have less than no time to change everything.

This is the last window of opportunity to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Who will future generations look back to in gratitude, not just for sounding the alarm but for acting on it? Was it the University of Cambridge, an institution that had already existed for over 800 years, that produced moral clarity in our hour of need? Please use your vote to reject the prevarications of the Council's Grace and to demand that it take far-reaching and immediate action.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

R. H. ABBOTT
R. A. ALEXANDER
F. AMERY
C. J. ANGELOPOULOS
B. D. ARGYLE
H. AZÉRAD
V. BAENA
S. J. BEARD

M. B. BECKLES
J. R. BELLIS
E. C. BLAIR
A. BREITENBACH
B. J. BURCHELL
W. BURGINKLE
D. F. BUSCHER
J. N. BUTTERFIELD

S. CASTELVECCHI
J. K. CHOTHIA
M. T. CONDE
G. CRONIN
J. A. CROWCROFT
S. F. DARUVALA
L. M. DELAP
S. N. DIEPEVEEN

J. M. DIXON
 M. EILSTRUP-SANGIOVANNI
 STEPHEN EVANS
 B. EVERILL
 V. A. C. GATRELL
 L. GAZZOTTI
 E. GILBY
 H. J. GLEN
 C. J. GONDA
 P. GOPAL
 R. S. C. GORDON
 W. T. GOWERS
 P. M. GRAY
 J. B. R. GREEN
 W. A. HALE
 E. HAUGHTON-SHAW
 R. S. HAYNES
 L. M. HAYWOOD

A. C. HERLE
 D. A. HILLMAN
 S. HOUGHTON-WALKER
 M. HREBENIAK
 S. D. JOHN
 N. G. KINGSBURY
 P. F. KORNIKI
 C. LAWSON
 T. D. LITTLEWOOD
 L. C. MCMAHON
 P. L. MCMURRAY
 I. MCNEILL
 G. F. MANTILLA CASAS
 L. G. MELLOR
 C. G. A. MOUHOT
 S. MUKHERJI
 J. F. K. NALL
 B. A. PARSONS

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 J. E. QUINN
 A. M. REID
 J. D. RHODES
 J. H. RICHENS
 S. J. SCHAFFER
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Fly-sheet against the approval of Grace 2 of 9 February 2023

We are facing catastrophic and irreversible near-term impacts from climate breakdown. We have already seen an epidemic of floods, droughts, heatwaves and megafires spreading around the world. Arctic and Antarctic ice is at its lowest level ever, with a Blue Ocean Event in the Arctic predicted for 2027 and Thwaites glacier showing signs of serious destabilisation. India has just recorded its earliest 40°C temperature in history, following a year in which temperatures in parts of Asia and the Middle East approached wet bulb temperatures that humans cannot survive. Animal populations around the world are in precipitous decline, with one million species on the edge of extinction, and plants in the UK are flowering a month earlier than they did in the period from 1753 to 1986, threatening further rapid collapse of our ecosystems and our food supply.

We find ourselves in this situation because, for the past four decades, climate action has been thwarted by the lies and chicanery of the fossil fuel industry. So rapid has been the resultant expansion in emissions that half of the CO₂ currently warming the atmosphere has been put there since 1980. In 2023, those same fossil fuel extractors are still growing their operations, this time in the name of ‘energy security’, despite clear signals from the UN, the IEA and the international climate science community that such expansion is incompatible with the Paris goals of holding temperature rises below 1.5°C, or well below 2°C. We are now in a position to identify the fossil fuel industry as the driver of the current emergency and to ensure that every effort is made to thwart its activities. But thanks to its staggering profitability and the intricacy of its political and scientific connections, we are failing on both fronts. While António Guterres has repeatedly spoken out against fossil fuel interests that ‘have humanity by the throat’, his has been a voice in the wilderness. He has not been backed up by the scientific establishment, as represented by institutions such as the Royal Society, or by the world’s great universities.

The reason for this shameful state of affairs is that fossil fuel companies have put a small percentage of their capital expenditure into renewable energy and have bought up parts of the renewable tech industry as sheep’s clothing for their ongoing activities. Their intrusion into the field of renewable technology at once distorts the science and discourages scientists from speaking out against them.¹ Fossil fuel lobbying of the IPCC and other governmental and intergovernmental bodies has filled society with false hope based on the concept of ‘net zero’ and has promoted the idea that we should address the climate crisis over decades rather than weeks and months. The fossil fuel lobby’s stranglehold over our media and our politicians has made it seem as if failure is the only option in the face of an overwhelming crisis. Fossil fuel funding preys on the tendency of the modern university to define itself as a service provider, making us forget that we are first and foremost an intellectual community that has a moral responsibility to speak the truth to society and to power.

While we need to develop more low-emissions technologies, we must acknowledge that technologies we already have are not being deployed quickly enough to undo the need for rapid near-terms emissions cuts around the world. The only way that we will get those cuts is if we take a moral and political stand, making it clear that companies that have the biosphere in the crosshairs are no longer fit partners for a university dedicated to the good of society. And we need to do this immediately: the world is currently using almost 1% of the remaining carbon budget for a 50% chance of remaining under 1.5°C *every month*.² There is no guarantee that the commissioned study will recognise any of this. The published Terms of Reference, which rely on the gradualist idea of the ‘energy transition’, and which attempt to turn this into a debate about free speech and ‘charitable purpose’, strongly suggest that the University Administration will urge moderation and the continuation of a failed business-as-usual. As with divestment—a project finally agreed to after a five-year battle, and only then to be completed by 2030—the University will delay necessary change for as long as possible.

¹ See e.g. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-022-01521-3>; <https://www.bmj.com/content/378/bmj.o2095>.

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUwSNuHlve8> (at 16:33).

We should take care not to underestimate the gravity of the present moment, or to gloss over the horrors that lie round the corner. The crimes of the fossil fuel industry will be ranked among the greatest crimes to scar the historical record. The dead and the displaced will outstrip in numbers anything seen in the wars of the twentieth century, and there will be no prospect of a better future on any human timescale. It is with this stark reality in mind that we urge the Regent House to reject the Council's approach and to hold a ballot on cutting fossil fuel ties with immediate effect.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

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***Placet* fly-sheet supporting the approval of Grace 2 of 9 February 2023**

Any decision that might affect the University, its people, and our ability to conduct research and teaching, must be one which is well informed and based on fact. Voting *placet* in this ballot is to show support for an evidence-based approach to a subject of vital importance to the University and its future work. It is also a vote for a process that will help determine the most effective way that Cambridge can use its resources to respond to the climate crisis.

If approved, the Grace on fossil fuel industry ties¹ (*Reporter*, 6666, 2021–22, p. 640) would radically alter the University's relationships with a very wide range of companies in the energy sector and beyond. The long-term consequences of doing so are unclear. It is also unclear from debate so far across the University how the proposals in the Grace would affect the University's ability to support rapid decarbonisation, and whether alternative formulations and approaches could better respond to the concerns expressed in the Grace.

The Council's proposal to commission an independent study² is designed to provide the clarity, insight and evidence needed to enable informed choices. The study is being authored by Nigel Topping, UN Climate Change High Level Climate Champion, COP26, and work on it is already under way. It will be completed next term and then shared within the University. It will provide an independent assessment of the scope and impact of the Grace, so that there can be a debate on the actions the University community is willing to take. The short delay to allow the study to be completed should be measured against the importance of getting this decision right, with its great significance for the University, its people and its future research.

Only if the Council's decision is supported will members of the Regent House have the opportunity to be better informed on the issues described. Rejecting it goes against the principle of the University as a place of responsible, evidence-informed decision-making.

We urge you to vote *placet*, **IN FAVOUR** of the Council's decision.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

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¹ <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2021-22/weekly/6666/6666-public.pdf#page=6>

² <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2022-23/weekly/6673/6673-public.pdf#page=9>

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**Grace 2 of 9 February 2023 (non-submission of the Grace on fossil fuel industry ties)
Statement on behalf of the Council**

This ballot is not a vote on whether to support the fossil fuel Grace. This vote is about whether the Regent House supports the Council's decision to gather information about the likely impact of that Grace, so that there can be an evidence-based debate on the issues raised by the Grace.

There are claims in some of the fly-sheets that the Council has ignored the views of academics by deciding not to publish the Grace. As the remarks at the Discussion on that decision showed, there are different views on the right direction to take regarding funding of University research. The Council's aim is to provide information to inform debate and to ensure all opinions across the University are heard on these important issues.

There are also comments in several fly-sheets suggesting that the Council's decision will delay consideration of the matters it raises. The Council notes that this is not the case, confirming that it will publish the study it has commissioned as soon as possible next term and then consult urgently and widely on the steps the University ought to take.

Mr John Dix

On behalf of the Council

REPORT OF DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 21 March 2023

A Discussion was convened by videoconference with Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Mr Roger Mosey, *SE*, presiding and the Registrar's deputy, the Junior Proctor and the Deputy Senior Proctor as the attending officers.

The following items were listed for discussion:

Report of the Council, dated 1 March 2023, on changes to the Flexible Working Policy in Ordinance and related matters
(*Reporter*, 6690, 2022–23, p. 430).

No remarks were made on this Report.

Report of the Council, dated 7 March 2023, on the disbanding of the Accommodation Syndicate
(*Reporter*, 6691, 2022–23, p. 449).

No remarks were made on this Report.

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