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## NOTICES

### Calendar

- 26 March, *Wednesday*. Last ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in the Lent Term.
- 29 March, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.
- 5 April, *Saturday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.
- 11 April, *Friday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 2 p.m. (degrees in absence only).
- 17 April, *Thursday*. Easter Term begins.
- 20 April, *Sunday*. Easter Day. Scarlet Day.
- 24 April, *Thursday*. First ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in the Easter Term.
- 29 April, *Tuesday*. Full Term begins. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below). Mere's Commemoration Sermon in St Benedict's Church at 11.45 a.m. Preacher, The Revd Professor Andrew Davison, former Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Regius Professor of Divinity and Canon of Christ Church, University of Oxford.

### Discussion on Tuesday, 29 April 2025

The 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, 29 April 2025 at 2 p.m. The following item will be discussed:

1. Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 17 March 2025, on a change of name for the Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute (*Reporter*, 6776, 2024–25, p. 421).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email [UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk), copying [ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk), by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,<sup>1</sup> 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 House<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk) from addresses within the [cam.ac.uk](http://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/>.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and [https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent\\_house\\_roll/section1.shtml](https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/section1.shtml).

### Notice of benefactions

20 March 2025

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that she has accepted with gratitude the following benefactions:

- (a) £4m as endowment from the trustees of the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Charitable Foundation, VPMA Property Holdings Inc and VPMA BAC North Property Ltd, payable over two years, to support the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute;
- (b) £1m as endowment and £124k as income from Mr Daryl Ng, payable over four years, to support a Ph.D. studentship at the Department of Land Economy to be known as the Professor Yeoh Ghim Seng Ph.D. Studentship in Land Economy. The University has agreed to contribute a minimum of £50k in matched funding to the endowment;
- (c) \$830,000 USD as endowment from Cambridge in America, following a donation from Dr Jennifer Read as trustee of The Read-Gostick Education Fund, to support a studentship at the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute for a student who nominates Selwyn College as their first-choice of College at the University. The Studentship will be known as the Raymond C. Read and Lillian J. Gostick Ph.D. Studentship. The University has agreed to contribute 25% of the GBP value of the benefaction in matched funding to the endowment;
- (d) £100k as endowment from the James and Lucilla Joll Charitable Trust, to support a student bursary in the Hamilton Kerr Institute to be known as the Herbert Lank Student Bursary.

The Council is submitting Graces (Graces 1–4, p. 459) to establish the related endowment funds.

## Amending Statutes for Selwyn College

25 March 2025

The Vice-Chancellor begs leave to refer to her Notice of 26 February 2025 (*Reporter*, 6774, 2024–25, p. 396), concerning the text of a Statute to amend the Statutes of Selwyn College. She hereby gives notice that in the opinion of the Council the proposed Statute makes no alteration of any Statute which affects the University, and does not require the consent of the University; that the interests of the University are not prejudiced by it, and that the Council has resolved to take no action upon it, provided that the Council will wish to reconsider the proposed Statute if it has not been submitted to the Privy Council by 24 March 2026.

## Office of Chancellor: Review of election arrangements

20 March 2025

In January 2024, the Council agreed to call a ballot on whether the voting system used in Senate votes should be changed, when the next Senate vote took place.<sup>1</sup> It has since published a timetable for the election of the next Chancellor by the Senate.<sup>2</sup>

The Council has reflected further and determined that it is preferable to review potential changes to the voting system as part of a larger lessons learnt exercise following this summer's election. Such an exercise will enable the Council to consider the impact of the revised arrangements in the round, covering all parts of the current election and nomination process, including online voting,<sup>3</sup> which are being used for the first time in this election. The Council expects to receive a report as soon as possible in the next academic year and to publish its findings in the *Reporter*. In the meantime, the existing arrangements, including the use of the Single Transferable Vote system, will remain in place.

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6725, 2023–24, p. 227.

<sup>2</sup> *Reporter*, 6771, 2024–25, p. 273.

<sup>3</sup> *Reporter*, 6708, 2022–23, p. 849.

## Amendment to Grace 1 of 12 February 2025 (ACP (R) proposals) initiated under Special Ordinance A (ii) 5: Notice in response

24 March 2025

The Council has received a proposed amendment to Grace 1 of 12 February 2025, put forward by 31 members of the Regent House.<sup>1</sup> The Grace recommends a new promotion and reward scheme for researchers. The amendment seeks to revise one of the Report's proposals, by changing the frequency of a new contribution reward scheme so that it runs termly instead of annually (the current scheme runs termly).

The Council has agreed to authorise submission of the amendment under Special Ordinance A (ii) 7, so that the amendment can be added to the ballot paper (see the options on the ballot paper below and ballot timetable on p. 457). The Council has adopted this course of action as the one most likely to be supported by the Regent House, but it has concerns about the intent of the amendment (and its drafting). It also wishes to note that – if approved – the proposed amendment is likely to increase the administrative burden on Faculties, Departments and Schools at a time when greater efficiencies are sought. If the amendment is approved in the ballot, the General Board will not be bound to implement the change it proposes. This is because the General Board is responsible under Statute A V 1 for the academic and educational policy of the University, and under Statute C II 2 for processes for the management of employment by the University. Should the vote be in favour of the amendment, the General Board will consider whether it wishes to make changes to its proposals for a new contribution reward scheme and will publish a Notice confirming its decision.

The delay to the ballot to allow time for consideration of the amendment has had an impact on the plans for implementation of the scheme. If some form of the proposals is approved in the ballot, the General Board will consider when the scheme can take effect and will publish that information in the *Reporter*.

### Options on the ballot paper

The Vice-Chancellor has confirmed that the options in this vote will be as follows:

- (A) In favour of the Grace in its original form
  - The new promotion and reward scheme for researchers will be implemented as set out in the Report
  - This will include a new annual contribution reward scheme held annually
- (B) In favour of the Grace as amended
  - The new promotion and reward scheme for researchers will be implemented as set out in the Report, with the exception of the new contribution reward scheme
  - The General Board will consider whether it wishes to make changes to its proposals for a new contribution reward scheme and publish a Notice about its decision
- (C) Against the Grace, whether in its original or amended form
  - The existing arrangements for promotion and reward for researchers will remain in place, including the existing termly contribution reward scheme

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6775, 2024–25, p. 413.

**Ballot timetable**

For a *fly-sheet* to be circulated to members of the Regent House when voting opens, the Registry needs to receive the fly-sheet, signed by 10 or more members of the Regent House or other authorised groups,<sup>2</sup> by **1 p.m. on Thursday, 24 April 2025**.

The Registry will accept fly-sheets:

- (a) signed by completing an online form on the Regent House Petitions site or other authorised site by the deadline;<sup>3</sup>
- (b) in hardcopy, signed with wet-ink signatures, with the names of signatories in block capitals, delivered to the Old Schools, or as an email from a University account that includes the text of the fly-sheet or amendment sent to [registry@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:registry@admin.cam.ac.uk), or as a photo or scan of the document showing the signature sent by email (ideally from a University account) to [registry@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:registry@admin.cam.ac.uk), by the deadline.

The Single Transferable Vote regulations<sup>4</sup> will apply in this ballot. Those listed on the Roll of the Regent House promulgated on 6 November 2024 will be eligible to vote.<sup>5</sup> **Online voting<sup>6</sup> will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 May and close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 15 May 2025** (voters will receive an email when voting opens). Hardcopy voting papers and supporting materials will be distributed not later than Tuesday, 6 May to those who opted in November 2024 to vote on paper; the last date for the return of voting papers is **5 p.m. on Thursday, 15 May 2025**.

<sup>2</sup> A fly-sheet is a statement giving views in support of or against the proposals made by the Grace, which aims to persuade members of the Regent House to vote in a particular way in the ballot. See the Council's Notice on Discussions and Fly-sheets, reproduced in *Statutes and Ordinances* at p. 116.

<sup>3</sup> See the instructions on how to use the Regent House Petitions site: <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/key-bodies/RH-Senate/Pages/RH-Petitions.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 121.

<sup>5</sup> See *Reporter*, Special No. 2, 2024–25, p. 1 (<https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2024-25/special/02/section1.shtml>).

<sup>6</sup> See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/ballots/voting/> (University accounts only).

## **Report of the Council on a new temporary facility for the Molecular Imaging Chemistry Laboratory at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus: Notice in response to Discussion remarks**

25 March 2025

The Council has received the remarks made at the Discussion on 18 March 2025 concerning the above Report (*Reporter*, 2024–25: 6774, p. 399; p. 466).

Professor Aigbirhio, Director of the Molecular Imaging Chemistry Laboratory (MICL), welcomes the alternative proposal for the MICL's temporary relocation to a site next to the John Van Geest Centre for Brain Repair.

Professor Evans draws a comparison between the recommendations of the above Report and the Second-stage Report of the Council on the alteration and redevelopment of the Hutchison Building on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus site. Professor Evans suggests it would be helpful to know the reason for the difference in the recommendations of these two Reports. The Report on the Hutchison Building has followed the standard process, with a first Report seeking approval in principle before a planning application is submitted and a second Report now seeking final approval before construction starts. However, not all proposals for new buildings, or the demolition or substantial alteration of existing buildings, follow this process (Statute F II 3 only requires approval by Grace, not the publication of a Report). The Council refers Professor Evans to paragraph 2 of the above Report, which includes the following:

As the project remains urgent and consultation suggests both the project in principle and the proposed new location have broad support, this Report seeks approval for both the project and its construction in one stage. Therefore if planning permission is granted, there will be no second Report unless there are significant changes to the project as outlined below.

The Council is submitting Graces (Graces 5 and 6, p. 461) for the approval of the recommendations of this Report and the Report on the Hutchison Building.

## **Honorary Degrees: Call for nominations**

Nominations are invited from members of the University community for the award of honorary doctorates. Full details about eligibility to nominate for and to receive such degrees and the process are published online at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/processes/honorary-degrees/the-nomination-and-approval-process>, where a list of honorary degrees conferred since 1977 may also be found.

The University Council's Honorary Degree Committee would welcome nominations of persons of national or international distinction and especially of those whose work promotes the University's mission and core values<sup>1</sup>. Such distinction may be in any field (and any genre within a field) and need not always relate closely to academic achievement. The Committee wishes to increase the breadth and diversity of its field of candidates – both in terms of background (for instance, gender and ethnicity) and area of achievement.

The Committee has simplified the process for making nominations, which should be submitted via the online form.

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/the-universitys-mission-and-core-values>.

## Annual Reports

The following Annual Reports have been received by the Council and/or the General Board and are available as indicated:

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**Cambridge University Endowment Fund Trustee Body Annual Report 2024 (University account required):**

<https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/cam-only/reporter/documents/cuetb/CUETB-AnnualReport2024.pdf>

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**Fitzwilliam Museum and Hamilton Kerr Institute Annual Report, 2023–24:**

<https://fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/about-us/governance-policies-and-reports>

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**Institute of Continuing Education Annual Report, 2023–24:**

<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/annual-report>

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**Kettle's Yard Annual Report, 2023–24:**

<https://www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk/about-us/annual-reports>

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**McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, 2022–23:**

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/institutes-and-facilities-overview/mcdonald-institute-archaeological-research/annual-reports>

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## VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### Election

The following election has been made:

Professor CHRISTINA PHILLIPS, B.A., *University of Oxford*, M.A., Ph.D., *School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*, Associate Professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature, University of Exeter, elected His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Professor of Modern Arabic Studies with effect from 22 September 2025.

### Vacancies in the University

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

**Finance Manager, TRAC and Central Costs, in the Finance Division of the University Offices (fixed-term);** tenure: two years; salary: £62,728–£66,537; closing date: 13 April 2025; further details: <https://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/50760>; quote reference: AG45471

*The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society.*

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

## OBITUARIES

### Obituary Notice

Professor EKHARD KARL HERMANN SALJE, M.A., FRS, FInstP, FGS, Honorary and Emeritus Fellow and formerly President of Clare Hall, Honorary and former Professorial Fellow of Darwin College, Emeritus Professor of Mineralogy and Petrology and sometime Head of the Department of Earth Sciences, Agricola Medallist and Humboldt Prizewinner, died on 24 February 2025, aged 78 years.

**GRACES****Graces submitted to the Regent House on 26 March 2025**

The Council submits the following Graces to the Regent House. These Graces, unless they are withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 4 April 2025**. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions site.<sup>§</sup>

**1.** That a Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute Fund be established in the University, to be governed by the following regulations:<sup>1</sup>

**VICTOR PHILLIP DAHDALEH HEART AND LUNG RESEARCH INSTITUTE FUND**

**1.** The funds received from the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Charitable Foundation, together with such other sums as may be received or applied for the same purpose, shall form an endowment fund called the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute Fund to be used to support cardiovascular and respiratory research.

**2.** The Managers shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund and the application of its income and shall comprise the Head of the School of Clinical Medicine, who shall be Chair, and two members of the Faculty of Clinical Medicine appointed by the Faculty Board of Clinical Medicine for such period as the Board shall determine.

**3.** Subject to Regulation 4, the income of the Fund shall be applied to the support of the work of the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute in such manner as the Managers shall determine, including but not limited to the payment of the stipend, national insurance, pension contributions, and associated indirect costs of posts payable by the University.

**4.** Any unexpended income in any financial year, including income accrued during a vacancy in any posts supported by the Fund, may, at the discretion of the Managers:

- (a) be carried forward for use as income in accordance with Regulation 3 in any one or more subsequent financial years; and/or
- (b) with the approval of the Council of the School of Clinical Medicine, be applied to support cardiovascular and respiratory research in the University in such manner as may be recommended by the Managers.

**2.** That a Professor Yeoh Ghim Seng Ph.D. Fund be established in the University, to be governed by the following regulations:<sup>1</sup>

**PROFESSOR YEOH GHIM SENG PH.D. FUND**

**1.** The benefaction received from Mr Daryl Ng, together with such other sums as may be received or applied for the same purpose, shall form an endowment fund called the Professor Yeoh Ghim Seng Ph.D. Fund to support a Ph.D. studentship in the Department of Land Economy in the University, to be named the Professor Yeoh Ghim Seng Ph.D. Studentship in Land Economy.

**2.** The Managers shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund and the application of its income and shall comprise the Board of Land Economy, who may delegate any or all of their functions under these regulations to a committee not necessarily consisting wholly of members of the Board.

**3.** Subject to Regulation 4, the income of the Fund shall be used to provide awards, which shall be called the Professor Yeoh Ghim Seng Ph.D. Studentship in Land Economy. Arrangements for awards, including the number, tenure and conditions of Studentships to be awarded in any given year, the expenses to be covered by an award, and the form of the application and selection processes, shall be at the discretion of the Managers and may provide for applications by persons who are not yet members of the University and for the financial circumstances of candidates to be taken into consideration.

**4.** Any unexpended income in any financial year, including income accrued during any years in which the Studentships are not awarded, may, at the discretion of the Managers:

- (a) be awarded to support the work of the holder(s) of the Studentships;
- (b) with the approval of the School Council, be applied to support research in the field of Land Economy in the University in such manner as may be recommended by the Managers;
- (c) be carried forward for use as income in accordance with Regulation 3 in any one or more subsequent financial years.

<sup>1</sup> See the Vice-Chancellor's Notice, p. 455.

<sup>§</sup> See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/key-bodies/RH-Senate/Pages/RH-Petitions.aspx> for details.

3. That a Read-Gostick Fund be established in the University, to be governed by the following regulations:<sup>1</sup>

READ-GOSTICK FUND

1. The funds received from Cambridge in America following a donation from Jennifer Read as trustee of The Read-Gostick Education Fund together with such other sums as may be received or applied for the same purpose, shall form an endowment fund called the Read-Gostick Fund to endow a Ph.D. studentship in epidemiology, public health, global health and infectious disease in the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute to be named the Raymond C. Read and Lillian J. Gostick Ph.D. Studentship.

2. The Managers shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund and the application of its income and shall comprise three persons appointed by the Council of the School of Clinical Medicine, who shall serve for such periods as the Council shall determine.<sup>[1]</sup>

3. Subject to Regulation 4, the income of the Fund shall be used to provide one or more Studentships in each financial year to candidates for the Ph.D. Degree, in a subject within the fields of epidemiology, public health, global health and infectious disease as determined by the Managers, who nominate Selwyn College as their first choice of College at the University. Other arrangements for the Studentships, including the number, tenure and conditions of Studentships to be awarded in any given year, the expenses to be covered, and the form of the application and selection processes, shall be at the discretion of the Managers and may provide for applications by persons who are not yet members of the University and for the financial circumstances of candidates to be taken into consideration.

4. Any unexpended income in any financial year, including income accrued during any years in which the Studentships are not awarded, may, at the discretion of the Managers:

- (a) be awarded to support the work of the holder(s) of the Studentships;
- (b) with the approval of the School Council, be applied to support research in the field of epidemiology, public health, global health or infectious disease in the University in such manner as may be recommended by the Managers;
- (c) be carried forward for use as income in accordance with Regulation 3 in any one or more subsequent financial years.

<sup>[1]</sup> The Council of the School of Clinical Medicine has agreed to appoint the Director of the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart and Lung Research Institute as Chair of the Managers *ex officio* until further notice.

4. That a Herbert Lank Fund be established in the University, to be governed by the following regulations:<sup>1</sup>

HERBERT LANK FUND

1. The benefaction received from the James and Lucilla Joll Charitable Trust, together with such other sums as may be received or applied for the same purpose, shall form an endowment fund called the Herbert Lank Fund to provide a student bursary in the Hamilton Kerr Institute.

2. The Managers shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund and the application of its income and shall comprise the Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate.

3. Subject to Regulation 4, and following a unanimous decision of the Managers, the income of the Fund shall, and the capital of the Fund may, be used to provide awards, which shall be called the Herbert Lank Student Bursaries. Arrangements for awards, including the number, tenure and conditions of the Bursary to be awarded in any given year, the expenses to be covered by an award, and the form of the application and selection processes, shall be at the discretion of the Managers and may provide for applications by persons who are not yet members of the University and for the financial circumstances of candidates to be taken into consideration and/or for awards to be granted in support of outstanding students, as determined by the University.

4. Any unexpended income in any financial year, including income accrued during any years in which the Bursary is not awarded, may, at the discretion of the Managers:

- (a) be awarded to support the work of the holder(s) of the Bursary;
- (b) with the approval of the General Board, be applied to support research in the field of the conservation of easel paintings in the University in such manner as may be recommended by the Managers;
- (c) be carried forward for use as income in accordance with Regulation 3 in any one or more subsequent financial years.

<sup>1</sup> See the Vice-Chancellor's Notice, p. 455.

5. That the recommendations in paragraph 7 of the Second-stage Report of the Council, dated 25 February 2025, on the alteration and redevelopment of the Hutchison Building on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus site (*Reporter*, 6772, 2024–25, p. 284) be approved.<sup>2</sup>

6. That the recommendations in paragraph 13 of the Report of the Council, dated 4 March 2025, on a new temporary facility for the Molecular Imaging Chemistry Laboratory at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (*Reporter*, 6774, 2024–25, p. 399) be approved.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See the Council's Notice, p. 457.

### **Graces to be submitted to the Regent House at a Congregation on 29 March 2025**

Further to the Notice published last week (*Reporter*, 6776, 2024–25, p. 422), the Council has sanctioned the submission of the following Graces to the Regent House at a Congregation to be held on 29 March 2025.

That the following persons be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts under the provisions of Statute B II 2:

9. PEDRAM HOSSEINI BADA KHCHANI, Departmental Secretary in the Language Centre.
10. SAIMON THOMAS CLARK, Computer Officer in the Language Centre.
11. AGNÈS JACQUELINE FAUVERGE, Computer Officer in the Language Centre.

### **Graces to be submitted to the Regent House at a Congregation on 5 April 2025**

The Council has sanctioned the submission of the following Graces to the Regent House at a Congregation to be held on 5 April 2025.

That the following persons be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts under the provisions of Statute B II 2:

1. JAMES SPENCER ANDERSON, Fellow of Girton College.
2. ROBERT TODD BEARDWELL, Fellow of Downing College.
3. JÖRG HAUSTEIN, Fellow of Selwyn College and Professor (Grade 11) in the Faculty of Divinity.
4. TORI LYNN MCKEE, Fellow of Hughes Hall.
5. JONATHAN PAUL NEWBY, Fellow of Hughes Hall.

E. M. C. RAMPTON, *Registrar*

**END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'**

## REPORT OF DISCUSSION

### Tuesday, 18 March 2025

A Discussion was convened by videoconference. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Nicola Padfield, *F*, was presiding, with the Registrar's deputy, the Senior Pro-Proctor, the Junior Pro-Proctor and nineteen other persons present.

Remarks were made as follows:

***Second-stage Report of the Council, dated 25 February 2025, on the alteration and redevelopment of the Hutchison Building on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus***  
(Reporter, 6772, 2024–25, p. 284).

Please see p. 467 for Professor G. R. Evans' remarks on the fourth item under Discussion, which also relate to this item.

***Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2024***

(Reporter, 6773, 2024–25, p. 298).

Professor G. R. EVANS (Emeritus Professor of Medieval Theology and Intellectual History), read by the Junior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, it seems worth drawing attention to a statement in this year's Reports and Financial Statements in the context of continuing concern about the future of the Employer Justified Retirement Age. Among the risks identified is the:

inability to attract and retain the best academics and adequately resource professional staff through a failure to compete with escalating levels of international reward levels, growth in the University's complexity and scale, and high costs of living and housing in the Cambridge area.

The reasons for those stated risks suggested are confined to pay, and 'the provision of transport, nursery schooling and housing, with the Eddington development designed to ease pressures', 'pension schemes' including the USS. The forced retirement of academic University Officers by reason of age surely deserves a mention with respect to the asserted benefit of having 'attracted' them and 'retained them', until they reach the age of 69 and become disposable.

***Topic of concern to the University: Support for the Veterinary course***

(Reporter, 6774, 2024–25, p. 396).

Professor J. S. SIMONS (Department of Psychology and Emmanuel College), read by the Junior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I am Head of the School of Biological Sciences and a member of the General Board. Since taking on these roles (in an acting capacity from October 2024, and following formal appointment in February 2025), real progress has been made by the Department of Veterinary Medicine, the School of Biological Sciences and the University working together in addressing accreditation requirements and developing a new clinical delivery model. The School of Biological Sciences has established a governance structure to support the Department in the work needed to develop a sustainable business model for the delivery of preclinical and clinical teaching and to regain full Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons accreditation of the course. This governance structure includes working groups focusing on Accreditation

Standards and Clinical Services Delivery, and a strategic Oversight Board that I chair, which reports to the Council of the School of Biological Sciences and to the General Board. The groups include targeted external expertise and we have dedicated a senior Academic Project Lead post and Project Management support that is embedded in the Department of Veterinary Medicine.

These supportive but robust governance arrangements will provide the framework to enable the Department of Veterinary Medicine to deliver on its aims to provide a world-leading and financially sustainable educational offering. At its March meeting, the General Board received evidence on progress achieved so far from a number of sources, including the Oversight Board and external experts. The General Board agreed that appropriate resources, plans and processes are in place for the Department to address the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' requirements in the timeframe available, and confirmed that the Department should go ahead with student recruitment for 2026 entry. The General Board recognised the need for strategic choices to be made in relation to both curriculum reform and the commercial viability of the Veterinary School Hospital, and requested that the School of Biological Sciences lead in this process in collaboration with the Department and other stakeholders. There is clearly much work still to be done, but I am confident that working together we can achieve the best strategic outcome for the Department of Veterinary Medicine and the University.

Professor G. R. EVANS (Emeritus Professor of Medieval Theology and Intellectual History), read by the Senior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the General Board's former powers to make Ordinances without seeking the consent of the Regent House are now reduced to powers to make Regulations under Statute A V 1(d), though the courtesy of a Notice is expected. The Regent House can still step in, as it has done by calling this Discussion on a Topic of concern.

On 4 March this year – as *Varsity* reported – 'nearly 200 students, staff, and trade union members gathered' outside the Senate House to protest against 'a potential pause to the Cambridge Veterinary Medicine course'.<sup>1</sup> The Reporter of 5 March published the call for a Topic of concern Discussion on 'Support for the Veterinary Course', solely raising constitutional 'questions of general principle regarding reasonable processes within the University'. The quality of the course is not in the frame.

The 'processes' questioned are those of the General Board and the reasonableness of its conduct in asking the Department to 'provide clarity on the future of the Vet School'. Was its request for the Department 'to develop an alternative option for clinical course delivery within four weeks' reasonable when the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' return visit was not due for six months? And was it 'reasonable' – or indeed within its powers – for it 'to propose closing the clinical facilities which provided teaching' although its teaching had been commended by the RCVS?

At its meeting on 5 March 2025, the General Board 'decided to continue admitting vet students for the 2026–27 academic year'. So the General Board has now dropped the proposal for this review, allowing the School of Biological Sciences to work with the Department to take forward any future changes.

The General Board's most recent published Minutes (for 9 October 2024) record that its 'Review Group' on the Vet School had received an Interim Report on Cambridge's

provision but give no further details. This Interim Report remains ‘confidential’. In the light of the call for this Discussion, which is on the general conduct of the General Board, perhaps that should now be released for publication?

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.varsity.co.uk/news/29272> (4 March 2025) and <https://www.varsity.co.uk/news/29298> (7 March 2025).

Dr J. P. SKITTRALL (Trinity College), read by the Junior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the report into the Veterinary School by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons was highly concerning: the breadth of issues raised was concerning, but more importantly, the number of issues is so great that the Veterinary School almost certainly will not be able to resolve all of them within the available time. In effect, therefore, the RCVS has given itself discretion to determine whether the University has made an adequate attempt at beginning to address the issues raised. The RCVS has pronounced a suspended death sentence on the veterinary course. Such a pronouncement is clearly not made lightly, because of the risk that, by undermining confidence in the course, it will precipitate the very outcome it aims to deflect. The RCVS is telling the University it had better start jumping.

A wise response at this stage would be some direct engagement along the lines of ‘how high?’

The University’s public response to date has instead been verbose. It did not identify and commit to addressing the key issues.

The General Board is reported subsequently to have attempted to ask the Department of Veterinary Medicine for external assurance of ongoing accreditation, displaying a lack of understanding of the role of the accrediting regulator. This leaves a lacuna where there should be confidence that the situation is in hand.

Overall, the publicly visible aspect of the response so far has been garbled. I am sure I have glossed over some hard work applying nuance that will have occurred behind the scenes. However, aside from the RCVS and the University bodies, there are two key groups who will be making decisions based only upon what is visible in public: current and prospective staff, and prospective students. If either of these groups loses confidence (or perhaps does not regain confidence), then it does not matter what is done behind the scenes: the University’s veterinary course will collapse for lack of staff, students, or both.

Further action at this stage needs:

- (1) to be with direct engagement and input from the RCVS, as the regulator and accrediting body;
- (2) to focus first, with RCVS agreement, on the key factors that will assure the University is producing safe, competent vets whilst other factors are addressed – so that snagging issues do not distract from existential ones;
- (3) to have clear public messaging about what is being done, to maintain the confidence of staff and students (current and prospective) and allow time to accomplish desired improvements.

It is likely that there will not be an easy option here, and that all options will involve substantial cost. It would be very wise – especially where potential cost is financial – to share an options analysis with the Regent House, and to engage the Board of Scrutiny for input.

I am sure that there are individuals who have already put substantial time and effort into this matter – thank you. I apologise to students who find themselves affected by this.

Professor B. VIRA (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Environmental Sustainability, Department of Geography and Fitzwilliam College), read by the Senior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I am the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Environmental Sustainability and I am a member of the General Board, but I am making these remarks in a personal capacity.

The Topic of concern poses two questions, which I have tried to address based on my understanding of the matters discussed and agreed by the General Board.

*Was it reasonable for the General Board to ask the Department to develop an alternative option for clinical course delivery within four weeks when its own Review Group has, so far, taken over 20 months to report?*

These are two independent processes, although their timelines converged in November 2024. In light of the more immediate concerns raised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) accreditation review, the General Board temporarily paused its internal review to allow the Department of Veterinary Medicine to address these serious issues, which clearly threatened the future of the Vet.M.B. course at Cambridge. It sought assurance that the Department was actively considering all RCVS recommendations, including exploring alternative models for delivering the Vet.M.B. course. Given the conditional accreditation status and the approaching deadline for decisions on student recruitment for 2026, requesting a clear commitment to the development of an alternative option within four weeks was reasonable, since assurances needed to be provided to prospective applicants, and to the General Board, in context of its role in relation to academic standards.

*Why did the General Board ask for an external assurance of accreditation from the Department, when that is in essence an impossible condition to meet six months before the RCVS return visit?*

The General Board requested external assurance of accreditation to inform its decision on whether student recruitment for 2026 should proceed. The experience of the previous accreditation visit by the RCVS suggested that relying on an internal assessment alone might not be sufficient. This request prompted input from multiple external sources, supporting the subsequent positive recruitment decision. The Oversight Board, which includes external members, and chaired by the Head of the School of the Biological Sciences, affirmed that the Department had the necessary resources, plans, and processes in place to meet the RCVS’ requirements within the available timeframe, provided leadership capacity remained focused on this work. The former Head of the University of Bristol’s Veterinary School, who has been contracted to provide external advice and expertise also submitted a report and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education provided a brief note based on discussions with senior colleagues associated with the reform of Veterinary Education at the University of Bristol.

External assurance was also provided by the positive accreditation visit from the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) at the end of February 2025, which commended many aspects of the course. The feedback from the assessment panel clearly provided external assurance about the Department’s provision, and their ability to present this to the accrediting body.

Meanwhile, the Department continues to work towards regaining full accreditation while developing contingency plans for all potential outcomes of the RCVS visit in Michaelmas Term, including curriculum reform and a more sustainable delivery model.

Professor J. L. N. WOOD (Department of Veterinary Medicine and Wolfson College), read by the Junior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I make these remarks as a Professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine and the previous Head of Department. As noted in the request for discussion, the General Board set up a Veterinary School Review Group in May 2023:

- to provide an objective perspective on the delivery of the Clinical Services Business;
- to provide a view on management and organisation of clinical services and the wider Department that exist in the support of teaching for the Veterinary Sciences Tripos, final Bachelor degree of Veterinary Medicine, and research;
- to research clinical educational needs and benchmark alternatives to our current delivery model.

The main concerns to be addressed were in the context of delivering teaching and sustaining clinical teaching teams in a financially sustainable manner (see Minute B2, General Board meeting of 3 May 2023).<sup>1</sup> The paper, from May 2023, proposed the establishment of a Review Group to ‘support the Veterinary School and School of the Biological Sciences to review and analyse the challenging issues raised in an open and structured way, and to make recommendations as appropriate’. That Review Group has produced a confidential interim report, but has yet to publish a final report.

In the meantime, the veterinary programme in the University received a negative accreditation review from The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). The RCVS has indicated that there would be further review in September 2025 to determine whether the Cambridge course would be accredited for the September 2026 intake.

In November 2024, the General Board wrote to the Head of Department of Veterinary Medicine, giving the Department around four weeks to outline a commitment to take forward work to develop an alternative option for clinical course delivery in partnership with one or more other clinical providers, or to indicate that this effort would not be pursued. In the former case, the proposed partners would need to be identified with their willingness to partner documented. Despite the Veterinary School providing a full outline as requested, subsequently, the General Board wrote to the Department and asked for external assurance by early March 2025 that there was no likelihood of a terminal accreditation decision following the RCVS visit in September 2025, and that all RCVS recommendations could be appropriately addressed. The General Board suggested that it was minded to suspend the veterinary course, closing it to new entrants in 2026, if such assurance from the Department was not forthcoming.

As well as the future of the Vet.M.B. course, aspects of the above process are matters of concern.

- Was it reasonable for the General Board to:
  - ask the Department to develop an alternative option for clinical course delivery within four weeks when its own Review Group had, thus far, taken over 20 months to report?

- indicate that the Department should ‘commit... to take forward work to develop an alternative option for clinical course delivery in partnership with one or more other clinical providers’ – and so effectively indicate its intention to seek the closure of the veterinary teaching hospital without any form of consultation?

- Why did the General Board ask for an external assurance of accreditation from the Department, when that is in essence an impossible condition to meet six months before the RCVS return visit?

We understand that the General Board decided to keep the course open to new entrants at its meeting on 5 March. Further details are not yet published. It is of note that, while many of the recommendations of the RCVS from its 2024 report fall to the Department of Veterinary Medicine (and other Departments in the School of Biological Sciences which deliver the Veterinary Sciences Tripos), the RCVS also recommended that ‘The Department must provide clarity on the future of the vet school regarding a definitive timeline for the completion of the General Board review’. This clarification obviously cannot come from the Department itself and it seems reasonable that clear statements on ‘the future of the vet school’ from the General Board would (and will) form an important element of the response to the RCVS accreditation visit in September 2025.

The Cambridge veterinary programme has an international reputation and was rated the top UK veterinary school for teaching provision in the 2024 Guardian ranking. Its One Health research forms a critical element in the University’s Infectious Diseases Research programme, and as a centre for comparative pathogen and biology research, not least in relation to future pandemic prevention. Indeed other centres of excellence for pandemic research, for example Oxford and Imperial, are trying to forge partnerships with other veterinary schools to bridge this gap in their One Health research.

Great strides have been made already since 2024 to address accreditation issues. It is of particular note that informal feedback from the European veterinary accreditation body, The European Association for Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE) which visited Cambridge formally in February 2025, only identified one area of potential non-compliance where a major recommendation is likely to be made (numbers of postmortems in three animal species).

It is hoped that, with the necessary ongoing support in particular from the School of Biological Sciences, and with the delivery of changes that have been identified, the veterinary programme at the University will regain its full accreditation RCVS later this year. This will be made more likely if the Department has the clearly expressed support of the General Board and the University for the future delivery of the course.

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/committees/general-board/2023-05-03/MeetingDocuments/Confirmed%20Unreserved%20GB%20Minutes%20-%203%20May%202023.pdf#page=2> (University accounts only).

Ms C. WALLS (Newnham College), read by the Senior Pro-Professor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I do not have a title to bestow upon myself like many who have made remarks in this forum before me. I am, however, a proud Alumna of the University and an even prouder parent of an undergraduate who is studying under the Medical and Veterinary Science Tripos.

The Vet School as you know has been subjected to an accreditation review by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RVCS) and has been granted a conditional accreditation status. The RVCS declared that without radical improvements, the Vet School would receive a terminal accreditation, meaning that no new students could be recruited for this course.

I feel it is important that the University supports the Vet School in meeting the recommendations of the report and whilst I know that the General Board has continued to allow new students to be recruited for the 2026–27 academic year, the University should work as a whole to develop a lasting solution that will provide a secure future for the Vet School.

The University is one of only eight institutions in the UK that currently provide accredited education for vets. I believe that for this University to be barred from providing education in this sphere would damage its reputation.

Ms S. MURPHY (Girton College), read by the Junior Pro-Professor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I am making these remarks as a veterinary student; I am also an officer of the Cambridge University Veterinary Society (CUVS), the representative body for all six years of veterinary students here in Cambridge. I explain here what the committee of CUVS does, and how we hope to be involved in any future decisions made regarding the future of the Vet School.

The CUVS committee is composed primarily of fifth-year students who run pastoral and academic events throughout the academic year. We also have dedicated year representatives for each cohort, ensuring that communication and student input is collected across all levels of study. Our purpose is to provide both academic and pastoral support for our students as they navigate the course.

Within CUVS, we have a structured support network, including welfare, equality and diversity, and sustainability representatives. These individuals organize events and offer peer support to students, as well as being points of contact for relaying student feedback and ideas to the Vet School. Additionally, CUVS maintains frequent and constructive dialogue with the Vet School through regular meetings each term, covering both educational matters with the faculty board representative and pastoral issues affecting our student body.

I would like to take the opportunity to note that I both recognize and appreciate the transparency and communication received from the Vet School during the period following the RCVS conditional accreditation. As well as being encouraged to attend a whole Vet School zoom meeting, we were signposted to Directors of Studies and tutors for further questions and to answer any concerns.

The department has also created an FAQ page and email inbox for students to direct any individual concerns towards as and when they may arise. Many colleges also facilitated discussions following consultation between the Vet School and senior tutors, to ensure that students felt able to express their concerns and remained well-informed.

However, when the University was considering the Vet School's future, I was perplexed at the announcements and pace at which decisions were being proposed without any interaction with students. Given our long-standing relationship with the Vet School and our established framework for student engagement, I believe that CUVS is perfectly positioned to serve as a direct point of contact for the University. Our society, with its specific representatives and comprehensive understanding of the Vet School's operations, would be able to provide well-informed perspectives on a range of issues. The lack of engagement with students caused significant anxiety, particularly among the earlier years, as we were unaware of what aspects of the course's future were in discussion and the implications this would have on our further training and ultimately qualification. I believe this could have been easily addressed through student meetings, which would have at the very least reassured us that our support for the Vet School was being acknowledged.

The student body was very pleased by the decision not to pause the 2026 intake, which has also eased many of the worries felt amongst the student body. I could speak endlessly as to why Cambridge Vet School is so important to us and the University, but I will try to briefly summarise what I believe are the key points. As with every Vet School in the UK, Cambridge holds a crucial role in addressing the national need for skilled veterinary professionals, a demand that continues to grow as animal health, food security, and biomedical research become ever more vital. Since its foundation in 1949 with just eight students, Cambridge has been dedicated to shaping not only competent veterinarians but deeply invested professionals who uphold the highest standards of care and innovation, with fundamental scientific-based foundations in their clinical training. The university's world-leading research drives advancements in veterinary medicine, with students actively engaged in cutting-edge projects that inspire their own future contributions to the field. Learning from clinicians who are pioneers in their specialisms, we are constantly motivated by their expertise, passion, and commitment to the profession. Amidst the emergence of new veterinary schools, Cambridge remains a historic institution with an unmatched legacy, continuing to lead the way in producing outstanding veterinary professionals who are equipped to meet the challenges of modern veterinary medicine.

As such, I respectfully request that, moving forward, the University formally involves the student body in any decisions concerning the future of the Veterinary School. We extend an open invitation for collaboration and consultation with the University going forward, ensuring that the voices of those most affected are actively considered in shaping the future of veterinary education at Cambridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mr J. C. CLARK (Corpus Christi College), read by the Senior Pro-Procutor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I make these remarks as a member of both the Regent House and the Cambridge UCU, one of the three recognised trade unions who represent staff in the University, including in the Department of Veterinary Medicine. Each of these unions has been in close contact with staff since the General Board correspondence to the Head of Department in November 2024, and they have been working closely to represent staff concerns surrounding the Queen's Veterinary School Hospital.

I have been a member of the University community as an undergraduate student, postgraduate student, and now College Fellow, and I have seen first hand the importance of the Veterinary School to each of those strata of the University community. Students and staff are heavily involved in College activity, and make a crucial contribution to the vibrant learning and working environments from which we are all fortunate to benefit. I am also aware that the Queen's Veterinary School Hospital students and staff work with the RSPCA to provide some of the only low-cost veterinary care in the entirety of Cambridgeshire, underlining the importance of the Veterinary School in maintaining a positive relationship between the University and the wider city community. It also performs a public service in continuing to support the training of new veterinarians in the context of a national shortage of staff in this critical profession.

I will not reiterate the points stated in the request for Discussion here, but I wish to register my concern that the communications from the General Board to the Department from November 2024 suggested steps towards changed working conditions for staff within the Hospital, without consultation with recognised staff trade unions. While formal decisions may not yet have been made at this stage, it is critical for the welfare of staff and the democratic functioning of the University that any consideration being given to Departmental restructuring takes place with the greatest transparency, and with a forum for bidirectional communication with staff. The nature of communications in this instance has created untold uncertainty and anxiety for staff, as well as students, at a time of enormous existing pressure following the publication of the RCVS accreditation report.

The student and staff campaign that emerged from these concerns revealed an outpouring of support from within the University community, as well as from alumni, Cambridge residents, and colleagues from other Universities nationally and internationally. This support is documented in the form of an open letter which received a total of 1,700 signatures in just two weeks, and has created a community who are watching future developments in regards to the Veterinary School with great interest.

I note the General Board's decision at its meeting on 5 March to allow continued admission to the Veterinary Medicine course from 2026, and wish to express my gratitude to the General Board for listening to the concerns of myself and many others in the University community.

While a great deal of uncertainty remains for students and staff in the Department, now is the perfect time to instigate a spirit of ongoing collaboration between the General Board, the School of Biological Sciences, the Department, its student and staff representatives (including the Cambridge University Veterinary Society, the Students' Union, and the three recognised staff unions), and the wider Cambridge community. Such a process would represent a strong commitment to the welfare of students and staff, while ensuring these groups have a venue to discuss their concerns would cultivate trust in University processes.

To summarise, the Queen's Veterinary School and Hospital is a locally, nationally, and internationally treasured institution, from which the entirety of Cambridge benefits. It is my sincere belief that, by collaboration between all relevant groups, a solution can be found that ensures its long-term future as a hub of clinical teaching and community building.

***Report of the Council, dated 4 March 2025, on a new temporary facility for the Molecular Imaging Chemistry Laboratory at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus***

(Reporter, 6774, 2024–25, p. 399).

Professor F. I. AIGBIRHIO (Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Magdalene College):

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, I make these remarks as the Director of the Molecular Imaging Chemistry Laboratory (MICL).

As outlined in my remarks on 16 July 2024<sup>1</sup> the MICL is central to the School Clinical Medicine strategy for the development and application of the biomedical molecular imaging technology of positron emission tomography. In addition, in the remarks I highlighted the urgency to construct a new facility and relocate from the dire MICL accommodation within the West Forvie Building. With this already described in the remarks and also summarised in this Report I will not repeat the issues. They are clearly stated.

Instead, I speak to welcome and support this alternative proposal by University Estates to develop and relocate the MICL. Therefore, not on the East Forvie Car Park site as in the Report in July 2024<sup>2</sup> which raised significant concerns, instead to establish it next to the John Van Geest Centre for Brain Repair on the Forvie site. This being an outcome of a sub-committee that included a range of stakeholders from the Forvie site, including representatives from the East Forvie Building and the John Van Geest Centre for Brain Repair. This new option is preferable, bringing greater synergies scientifically, improved operational efficiency and stronger academic-social interactions for the MICL researchers. The hope is this construction can now proceed at pace to completion and so finally address this unsustainable situation with the MICL accommodation at West Forvie Building that has been ongoing since 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Reporter, 6750, 2023–24, p. 846.

<sup>2</sup> Reporter, 6748, 2023–24, p. 731.

Professor G. R. EVANS (Emeritus Professor of Medieval Theology and Intellectual History), read by the Junior Pro-Proctor:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, two items for Discussion today concern buildings on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus: the alteration and development of the Hutchison Building and a new but temporary building for Molecular Imaging, for both of which the consent of the Regent House is required under Statute F II 3.

This is not the first time building in this area has come up for discussion. A Green Paper in the *Reporter* of 25 June 2010<sup>1</sup> referred the reader to four earlier Reports and two Notices. Confidence was then expressed that as this was ‘the last major piece of undeveloped land in the ownership of the University’ its ‘release from the Green Belt’ was intended ‘to meet the University’s needs for the next 20 years or so’. At that date ‘the Area Action Plan’ provided for ‘100,000 sqm of academic and commercial research/research institute space, in the ratio of 60:40 respectively’. Even though there were ‘no specific plans at present for academic developments on the site’, provision had ‘been made in the masterplan for future buildings’ the ‘strategy for development and sale/investment of these facilities will follow normal procedures for approval by the Regent House and development control through the Council’s Buildings Committee’. That is now happening.

The convention has long been that when proposals are made under Statute F the Regent House will first be invited to approve in principle and that then ‘the Director of Estates be authorised to apply construct the facility in due course’. For the Hutchison building the Regent House is invited to approve that ‘the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Resources and Operations) be authorised to accept a tender for the works, within the available funding, in due course’. That is the plan in the case of ‘Molecular Imaging’, but with an addition allowing construction to take place, namely that ‘the Director of Estates be authorised to apply for full planning permission’.

It would be helpful to know the reason for this difference in the approvals requested.

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6194, 2009–10, p. 1010.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Elections

#### Clare Hall

Elected into a Foundation Fellowship with effect from 30 October 2024:

Benjamin Fok Chun Yue, B.Sc., *British Columbia*

Elected into an Official Fellowship under Title A with effect from 4 December 2024:

Joseph Mason, M.A., D.Phil., *Oxford*, M.Mus., *KCL*

Elected into a Professorial Fellowship under Title B with effect from 4 December 2024:

Ioannis Brilakis, Ph.D., *Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*

Elected into an Official Fellowship under Title A with effect from 12 February 2025:

Kelly Fagan Robinson, Ph.D., *UCL*

Elected into a Foundation Fellowship with effect from 12 February 2025:

Malabika Sarkar, FEA, M.A., *MUR*

Sudipto Sarkar, M.A., LL.B., LL.M., *JE*

Elected into a Fellow Commonership with effect from 30 October 2024:

Lucy Walker, M.A., M.Phil., *CAI*

Steven Yapeng Lu, Bachelor of Management, B.Eng, *Jiaotong*, M.Phil., *Hong Kong*, M.B.A., *CLH*

#### Selwyn College

Elected to a Fellowship from 18 March 2025:

Andrew Jackson, B.Eng., Ph.D., *York*, M.B.A., *Open*

Elected to a Fellowship from 1 October 2025:

Lily Whitler, B.Sc., M.S., Ph.D., *Arizona*

### Vacancies

*Downing College*: College Teaching Associateships 2025 (in Medicine, Sociology and Natural Science); tenure: from 1 October 2025 for one year in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal; closing date: 9 April 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/people/vacancies/academic-vacancies>

Fellowship in Medical Science (non-stipendiary); tenure: from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028, with the possibility of re-election; closing date: 25 April 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/people/vacancies/academic-vacancies>

*Hughes Hall*: Bursar; closing date: 2 May 2025; further details: <https://www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/about/vacancies> and <https://www.minervasearch.com/current-opportunities/hugheshall>

*Peterhouse*: Tutorial Office Manager; tenure: from July 2025; salary: £42,523–£48,845 (depending on experience); closing date: 7 April 2025; further details: <https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/vacancies>

### Events

#### *Newnham College*

#### Jane Harrison Memorial Lecture

Professor Catriona Kelly, FBA (University of Cambridge) will present ‘Border crossings, folk modernism: From the literature and art of Russian Paris to Soviet film after Stalin’ on Friday, 9 May 2025 at 5.30 p.m. in the Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College. All welcome, free to attend, no booking required. Further details: <https://newn.cam.ac.uk/event/jane-harrison-memorial-lecture>

## OTHER NOTICES

### Crane Fund

#### Apothecary for the Crane Fund

The Crane Fund is seeking a medical professional (psychiatrist, GP or other medical professional) to act as Apothecary from September 2025.

The Crane Fund provides financial assistance for medical treatments and testing to students at the University who would not be able to access this otherwise due to financial hardship. The Fund typically receives 40 applications per term, with the Apothecary dedicating up to two hours per week to evaluating each eligible submission. The Apothecary is responsible for reviewing pre-screened applications, ensuring student eligibility in accordance with the NICE guidelines, and assessing medical necessity based on GP letters, student statements and College Tutor endorsements. This pivotal role supports the continued success of the Fund and offers an honorarium of £2,000 per academic year. The statutory term for this post is five years.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact the Student Funding and Fee Policy Team at [financialassistance@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:financialassistance@admin.cam.ac.uk). All interested parties should register their interest by 19 April 2025. More information about the Fund can be found at <https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/financial-assistance/crane-fund>.

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

### Oxford Notices

*Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies*: Special Collections Curator; salary: £36,924–£45,163 plus benefits; closing date: 25 April 2025; further details: <https://www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies-opportunities>

Assistant Librarian; salary: £33,232–£39,105 plus benefits; closing date: 25 April 2025; further details: <https://www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies-opportunities>