

<b>University of Oxford</b>		
<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Minutes of the Unreserved Meeting held at 13:15 on 22 April 2024 in the MCR, OUP, Walton Street, Oxford</b>		
<b>Present</b>	Professor Irene Tracy	Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
	Professor Thomas Adcock	Senior Proctor
	Professor Proochista Ariana	Elected member of Congregation
	Wendy Becker	External member
	Professor Ben Bollig	Assessor
	Professor Sir Rory Collins	Elected member of Congregation
	Professor Patricia Daley	Elected member of Congregation
	Sir Chris Deverell	External member
	Professor Cécile Fabre	Elected member of Congregation
	Tom Fletcher	Elected member of Conference of Colleges (Teams)
	Dame Helen Ghosh	Head of Conference of Colleges
	Professor Sir Charles Godfray	Elected member of Congregation
	Professor Nandini Gooptu	Elected member of Congregation
	Professor Patrick Grant	Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, (Internal Vice-Chair) Co-opted member
	Professor Daniel Grimley	Head of Division (Humanities)
	Charles Harman	External member (External Vice-Chair)
	Professor Richard Hobbs	Elected member of Congregation
	Nicholas Kroll	External member
	Professor Conall MacNiocall	Junior Proctor
	Sharmila Nebhrajani	External member (Teams)
	Professor Jim Naismith	Head of Division (Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences)
	Professor Timothy Power	Head of Division (Social Sciences)
	Professor Diego Sanchez-Ancochea	Elected member of Congregation
	Professor Alex Schekochihin	Elected member of Congregation
Professor Gavin Screatton	Head of Division (Medical Sciences) (Teams)	
Professor Sam Wolfe	Elected member of Congregation	
Professor Krina Zondervan	Elected member of Congregation	
<b>Attending</b>	Professor Alex Betts	Local and Global Engagement Officer
	Simon Boddie	Chief Financial Officer
	Elizabeth Botwright	Head of the Vice-Chancellor's Office
	Professor Chas Bountra	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Innovation)
	James Colman	Director of Public Affairs (via Teams)
	Dr Stephen Conway	Interim Deputy Registrar (vice Gill Aitken, Registrar)
	Sarah Cowburn	Senior Assistant Registrar (Governance)
	Liesl Elder	Chief Development and Alumni Engagement Officer
	Dr Markos Koumaditis	HR Director
	Lara McCarthy	Head of Governance
	Richard Ovenden	Head of GLAM
	Professor David Prout	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources)
	Professor Tim Soutphommasane	Chief Diversity Officer
	Professor Anne Trefethen	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (People + Digital)
	Professor Martin Williams	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)
Dr Hilary Wynne	Early Career Researcher	
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Item</b>	
126	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Gill Aitken (Registrar) and VP PG Education and Access	
127	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> (012-COUN-231030-P refers) No new declarations were made.	
<b>Committee Governance</b>		
128	<b>Unreserved minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2024</b> 128-COUN-240422-C <b>DECISION:</b> Council <b>approved</b> the unreserved minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024.	

**Chair's Unreserved Business**

129	<p><b>Vice-Chancellor's unreserved business and selected highlights</b></p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new Senior Proctor, Professor Thomas Adcock, the new Junior Proctor, Professor Connall MacNiocall and the new Assessor, Professor Ben Bollig to their first Council meeting.</p> <p>She noted that the Russell Group Vice-Chancellors would be meeting during the week to look at what educational priorities would be in light of the upcoming election. There would be a need to create coherent eco-systems that linked education and research to the local economy (such as spinouts and innovation space).</p> <p>The Chief Financial Officer informed Council that USS was currently consulting on its investment strategy following the finalisation of the 2023 Valuation of the scheme.</p>
<b>Items below this line were for receipt and/or approval, without discussion</b>	
<b>For Approval</b>	
130	<p><b>Minor Capital Plan update</b> (previously item 088-COUN-240205-C) 130-COUN-240422-C</p> <p><b>DECISIONS:</b> Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Approved</b> version 15.2 of the Minor Capital Plan.</li> <li>2) <b>Noted</b> the information provided on variances between planned and actual expenditure and proposed actions.</li> <li>3) <b>Noted</b> that PRAC has approved the proposal for 10% over-planning within the Minor Capital Plan.</li> <li>4) <b>Noted</b> the transfer from the Minor Capital Plan to the Planned Maintenance budget within the 23/24 financial year.</li> <li>5) <b>Approved</b> the clarification of governance arrangements for the Minor Capital Plan following the implementation of the Finance White Paper.</li> </ol>
131	<p><b>Space allocations (Warneford site)</b> 131-COUN-240422-C</p> <p><b>DECISIONS:</b> Council approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for onward referral to Congregation for approval the allocation of approximately 776 sqm NUA within Warneford Wellcome (building 644) to the Department of Psychiatry for a period of approximately 70 years, from 20 December 2023, until 19 September 2093.</li> <li>2) for onward referral to Congregation for approval the allocation of approximately 695 sqm NUA within Warneford Main (building 645) to the Department of Psychiatry for a period of approximately 55 years, from 20 December 2023, until 23 March 2079.</li> <li>3) the draft explanatory note to Congregation (Annexe A).</li> </ol>
<b>To note</b>	
132	<p><b>Annual Report on Retirement</b> 132-COUN-240422-C</p> <p>Council <b>noted</b> the report.</p>
<b>Next full meeting of Council: 13:15 – 17:30, 13 May 2024</b>	
<p><b>Matters Arising - Estates Strategy (Finance Update)</b></p> <p><b>Matters Arising - Access and Participation Plan</b></p> <p><b>Change to Statute XVI and Open Access Publications Policy</b></p> <p><b>Change to Statute XI Student Discipline</b></p> <p><b>Q2 Forecast</b></p> <p><b>ASC termly report (btl)</b></p>	