

HANDOVER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

**Thursday 5 October 2023 9.30am
in the SCR at Christ's College**

Present:

Dr Rob Doubleday (Incoming Chair), Mr Rob Hopwood (Incoming Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Rev'd Andrew Hammond (Senior Proctor), Dr Charles Read (Junior Proctor), Dr Fraz Mir (Junior Pro-Proctor), Dr Orsola Rath Spivack, Dr Nazia Habib, Dr Stephen Cowley, Dr Richard Lloyd, and Dr Saskia Murk-Jansen.

The meeting began at 9.35am.

1. Welcome to new members and introductions:

The Board welcomed one of the new Pro-Proctors to the meeting, Dr Fraz Mir, along with Dr Richard Lloyd and returning former members, Dr Stephen Cowley and Dr Saskia Murk-Jansen.

2. Election of Chair and Secretary:

Rev'd Andrew Hammond (Senior Proctor) conducted the election of the Chair. Dr Rob Doubleday was elected unanimously by the Board and took the Chair. The election of the Secretary was then held. Mr Rob Hopwood was nominated and elected unanimously.

3. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Markus Gehring (Pro-Proctor).

4. Declarations of Interest:

Dr Stephen Cowley reported that his wife is a Secretary of a School.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2023:

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

6. Matters arising:

None.

7. 28th Report timetable for publication and Discussion:

The Chair reported that the 28th Report has been submitted to the University Draftsman for publication in The Reporter.

8. Preliminary discussion of work plan for 2023-24:

a.) Time, format and frequency of meetings, and b.) Working Groups:

The Board agreed to dedicate the first full meeting of the new academic year to discussing the format and purpose of future meetings, while considering the relevant statutes and ordinances. It was agreed to review the arrangement and membership of the Working Groups later in Michaelmas Term.

c.) Meetings with Senior Officers:

It was agreed that the Board should arrange to meet with the Vice-Chancellor, the PVC for Strategy & Planning and the Registry during Lent Term as in previous years. It was suggested that the Board may also wish to invite other Senior Officers to attend a full Board meeting in due course.

9 . Any Other Business:

Continuing Board members shared opinions on the most pressing areas for possible investigation as part of the Board's work plan for 2023-24.

10. Date of next full Board meeting:

Thursday 26 October from 12 – 1.30pm at Peterhouse.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Rachel Rowe
Support Officer