

The Public Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OPEN COUNCIL

Saturday 17th May 2025, Banks of the River Cam, 14:00 BST

The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Secretary** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **The Social Secretary** (Joseph Cryan, *New College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Publications Officer** (Milo Donovan, *Lincoln College*); **The Ex-Returning Officer** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*).

The President opens the meeting at 14:02 BST.

Business arising from the minutes

The Returning Officer presents the Emeritus Committee shortlist for this term. His letter reads as follows:

‘Dear Open Council,

In accordance with Rule 7(a), I present the Emeritus Committee shortlist for Trinity Term 2025.

The following individuals have consented to serve. I have listed them in order of seniority of the position that entitles them to sit on the Emeritus Committee. Other positions they have held in the society are listed in the footnotes. The Senior Member has consented to all these individuals.

By virtue of currently being the Returning Officer and President respectively, myself and Mr Lawson are only eligible to sit on non-disciplinary matters or matters in which we are not directly conflicted by our current roles (Rule 7(a)(viii)). Elizabeth Gibson (Former Treasurer HT24, *University College*) opted out for this term.

Therefore the shortlist for this term is as follows:

Zagham Farhan (President HT24, TT24, MT24, *University College*)
Finn Conway (President MT18, *Balliol College*)
Richanne Davies (Vice President MT24, *University College*)
Sebastian Evans (Vice President TT24, MT24, *The Queen's College*)
Heather Judge (Vice President HT24, TT24, *The Queen's College*)
Benedict Masters (Treasurer Emeritus TT25, *New College*)
Will Lawson (Treasurer TT24, MT24, *Mansfield College*)
Julian Wang (Returning Officer TT24, MT24, HT25, *University College*)
Oliver Jones Lyons (Returning Officer MT22, *Christ Church*)

My sincerest thanks to Ex-Officers who continue to dedicate time in service of the Association. Yours
Liberal, Zagham Farhan, Returning Officer, President Emeritus, Collegium Magnum Aulae
Universitatis.'

The President-Elect exits at 14:02 BST 'he remains in attendance on the other side of the river.'

Changes to the composition of Open Council

None.

Questions to Position Holders

None.

Motions of No Confidence

None submitted.

Requests for events and speakers

Elections

None.

Challenges to Position Holders or Ordinary Members

None submitted

Any other business

The President requests AOB and sees none.

The President closes the meeting at 14:04 BST.

President: 'We are going to depart and go punting.'

Minuted by,

Harry Morgan,

The Secretary, *Pembroke College.*

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TEMPLATE MINUTES

This was drafted on 22/03/2025 and reflects individuals' positions at that time. The events of the meeting are entirely made up.

The Ex Camera Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOSED COUNCIL

DATE, LOCATION, TIME

Present

The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **Social Secretary and Acting President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Secretary** (Vee Kumar, *Worcester College*); **Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Secretary Emeritus** (Richanne Davies, *University College*); **The Director of Communications** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*).

Apologies

The Returning Officer Emeritus (Julian Wang, *University College*).

Absent without Apologies

None.

Positions of **Treasurer Emeritus** and **Publications Editor** currently vacant.

Attending

The Ex-Returning Officer (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*).

The President opened the meeting at 11.15.

Ratification of previous minutes

The Secretary moves to ratify the minutes from the Week X meeting of Closed Council.

Seconded by **the President**.

The motion passes *nem con*.

Business arising from the minutes

The Returning Officer congratulates the **Vice President Emeritus** on her work organising the Welsh Parliament event, which was discussed at the last meeting of Closed Council.

Changes to the composition of Closed Council

None. **The President** notes that applications for **Treasurer Emeritus** and **Publications Editor** are currently open.

Business of The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*)

The President wishes to thank the Committee for all their hard work over the last term.

Business of the Social Secretary and Acting President-Elect (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*)

None.

Business of the Treasurer (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*)

None,

Business of the Secretary (Vee Kumar, *Worcester College*)

The Secretary notes the absence of the **Returning Officer Emeritus** on the grounds that he is currently stuck in Heathrow Airport.

Business of the Returning Officer, President Emeritus (Zagham Farhan, *University College*)

The **Returning Officer** moves to approve a budget of £1000 for the upcoming elections.

The **Secretary Emeritus** objects to a vote being held on the grounds that this was not included on the agenda.

The **President** seconds the objection.

The **Returning Officer** states that he will bring it back to the next meeting of Closed Council.

The **Returning Officer** moves that Closed Council go in camera at 12.00 to discuss a disciplinary matter.

The **Secretary Emeritus** seconds the motion.

There are no objections, and the motion passes *nem con*.

Closed Council moves ex camera at 12.07.

Business of the Treasurer Emeritus (Vacant)

None.

Business of the Secretary Emeritus (Richanne Davies, *University College*)

None.

Business of the Director of Communications (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*).

The **Director of Communications** notes that the Facebook Page is up and running again.

The **Returning Officer** thanks him for re-starting it.

Business of the Publications Editor (Vacant)

None.

Any other business

None.

Action Items

RO1: **The Returning Officer** is to bring back the election budget next week.

The President closes the meeting at 12.15.

Minuted by,

Vee Kumar,

The Secretary, *Worcester College*.