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Minute of a meeting of College Council held on Tuesday 25 September 2007 within College

Dr B O Williams, President
 Dr P V Knight, Registrar
 Dr W M M Jenkins, Vice President (Dental)
 Dr C G Semple, Vice President (Medical)
 Dr E Morrison, Honorary Librarian
 Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary
 Dr E Walker, Dean of Faculty of Travel Medicine
 Mr M Bransby-Zachary
 Mr J K Drury
 Dr A Dunk

Mr A D Henry
 Professor S M MacRury
 Dr L G McAlpine
 Dr W Reid
 Mr J Steers
 Professor R D Sturrock
 Mr G T Sunderland
 Dr M Taylor
 Dr A Zoma

In Attendance

Dr J A Miller
 Mrs C M Capps

ACTION

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Mr I W R Anderson; Dr A Bryson; Professor J Connell; Mr D J Galloway; Mrs A Lannigan; Dr J Long; Mr J R McGregor, Ms R McKee; Mr M J McKirdy; Dr K R Paterson; Dr H Scott; Professor C J Suckling; Mr J D Watson.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council of 31 July 2007

These were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **Tooke Review**

President reported that an initial response would be available in October.

(b) **E-resources & demonstration of videostreaming**

Mr Graham Sunderland was invited to lead on this topic, and proceeded to give a demonstration of the videostreaming facilities now available within College.

Council members welcomed this facility and during discussion, various issues including data protection/security level/copyright were raised. Mr Sunderland indicated that an operating procedure for the use of the facility was being developed, building on the experience of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. This would address many of the issues being discussed.



(c) Council view on Junior changeover

President referred to a survey of Council members' experience of the junior doctors' changeover period in August. Although the response rate was low and that those responding may have done so specifically due to problems they had encountered, Dr Knight reported that the general consensus was that the August changeover had been much more difficult to manage than in previous years.

During discussion, Council heard that in some situations it had been impossible to ascertain the knowledge/experience/skills mix of trainees, and this had resulted with impromptu 're-interviewing' of trainees when they arrived. In some instances names were not even known to the medical teams.

These concerns would be conveyed to NHS Education, although it was thought that this situation would probably not be repeated at the next changeover period.

(d) Behind the Medical Headlines

Dr Knight reported that the RCPEd have agreed a one year partnership with RCPSG in conjunction with "Behind the Medical Headlines". This will be reviewed in one year's time.

4. Any Other Competent Business

(a) Lay Advisory Board Event, 4 October 2007, 7.30pm

President reminded Council about this forthcoming event and emphasised the importance of having robust lay involvement within College.

(b) Honorary Fellowships

There were two nominations for Honorary Fellowship and following an extensive discussion, it was agreed that Professor Khursheed Francis Moos be awarded Honorary Fellowship (Honoris Causa).

5. Items for Discussion

(a) College Hospital Representatives

Dr Taylor directed Council to the paper entitled "College Hospital Advisors" which outlined the proposal to pilot the development of a network of hospital based College Advisers.

Discussion took place surrounding a variety of issues, including:

- Clarity of role
- Title of role
- Possibility of reward strategy

Council agreed that such a role should be given further consideration and taken forward.

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(b) Proposed training fee for Surgical Trainees

Dr Miller was invited to speak to this topic. Prior to outlining a proposal to introduce a Surgical Trainees fee, Dr Miller provided an overview regarding the Physician Trainees fee.

This issue had been discussed in a meeting with CEOs from the other Royal Surgical Colleges and the surgical trainee associations (BOTA and AsiT). Councils of the other Surgical Royal Colleges were being asked to express a view on how this may be managed. It was recognised that the costs relating to JCST and the ISCP had increased recently as the development funds for the curriculum has now been fully utilised. It was noted that the cost of running both of these elements was likely to be in the region of £1.3M pa.

As Trainee Representative on Council, Dr Morven Taylor was invited to respond. Discussion followed and various points were raised and it was acknowledged that the RCPSG was in a difficult position given that physicians currently pay a fee whilst surgeons do not.

Following extensive discussion it was agreed that the Council could not endorse a position whereby trainee physicians had a training levy and trainee surgeons did not. Council therefore agreed that a fee would be appropriate. It was suggested that alternative models to collection of the fee should be explored at the Joint Surgical Colleges meeting in October. Council expected the level of the fee to be broadly in line with that charged to the physicians trainees and there was an expectation that colleges would continue to support both the JCST and JRCPTB financially.

6. Board Reports

(a) Examinations and Assessment

Mr David Galloway had tendered apologies therefore no update was provided.

(b) Education and Professional Development

Dr Semple reported that progress is being made within the E&PD Unit as outlined in the three-year business plan. The current Symposium Committee is also in the process of being reorganised. The President indicated that on a visit to College, Ms Nicola Sturgeon, Health Minister for Health & Wellbeing, had expressed interest in the working of the College.

(c) Membership Services

Dr Taylor updated Council on membership figures and directed members of Council to the tabled document on membership and outlined the following issues:

Current Membership

The current membership total is 8540.



Lapsed Membership

There has been an increase in lapsed members over the past four years.

Revised Membership Figures

Dr Taylor reported that previous difficulties in ascertaining membership figures from the database were now resolved.

Introductory Membership

Dr Miller reported that staff from Membership Services were attending "Freshers Week" at various Scottish medical schools in an attempt to attract medical students to become introductory members of College.

Charity Ball

Dr Taylor reported that the plans for the Charity Ball were progressing well and encouraged council members to attend. It was advised that members indicate their attendance at this event as soon as possible as numbers were now restricted.

(d) Dental Council

Dr Jenkins referred to the unconfirmed Minute of the Dental Council and indicated there was nothing further to report.

Dr Jenkins informed Council that this would be his last meeting as he was demitting office on 23 November 2007. Professor Mike Lewis would become the Vice-President (Dental) thereafter.

On behalf of Council, the President acknowledged and thanked Dr Jenkins for the work and contribution he had provided during his term of office.

(e) Faculty of Travel Medicine

Dr Walker reported that the Faculty of Travel Medicine would be hosting the AGM/Symposium/Board Meeting in October. Dr Walker indicated that a more detailed report would be submitted for the November meeting of Council.

(f) Management Board

Dr Miller directed Council to the Unconfirmed Management Board minute, and updated Council on the following:

Clinical Skills Centre

Work continues with this and a meeting has been scheduled for 12 October 2007 to ascertain which partners will remain with the project. The outcome of the meeting will be discussed at the Management Board meeting in October and reported back to Council in November.

Finance Report

Dr Miller updated Council on College's financial position.



Dr Zoma asked whether College had explored whether Gift Aid against subscriptions would be an appropriate mechanism for College. It was noted that this has been explored previously and that this was not appropriate as subscriptions would not be regarded as a donation.

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Revalidation Update

Council noted that £1.5million has been made available to the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, against which each College could bid to establish revalidation processes. It was noted that both the Federation (for physicians) and the Surgical Forum of GB & Ireland (for surgeons) would also tender a bid.

7. Items for Information

(a) Unconfirmed Minute of Management Board, 8 August 2007

Noted.

(b) Unconfirmed Minute of Dental Council, 23 August 2007

Noted.

8. Items for Approval

(a) Admissions in Absentia

The following individuals were approved for admissions in absentia:

Fellow qua Physician

Nurul **Amin**, MB BS 10/07/1976 46603

Sugathan **Paramoo**, MB BS 01/06/1960 Trivandrum 46824

Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology

Azzam Abdul-Kader **Ahmed**, MB ChB 12/07/1998 Mosul 46182

Amar Arun **Karkhanis**, MB BS 22/12/2000 Bombay 45140

Member qua Surgeon

Asma **Asrar**, MB BS 26/12/1997 Peshawar 41404

Zaffer Ahmed **Qasim**, MB BS 06/10/2001 U of Karachi 46609

Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

Gregory **Fickert**, BDS 17/12/1987 Birmingham 44828

Mumtaz **Shadaab Mohamed**, BDS 07/01/2003 Rajiv Gandhi Univ
34369

Member of the Faculty of Travel Medicine

Margaret **Keightley**, MB BS London 43905

Member

Sai Yee **Chuah**, MB ChB 01/07/2004 Glasgow 41266

Cecil Mathew **Thomas**, MB BS 01/03/1990 Jabalpur 28853



9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 27 November 2007, 4.10pm.

Prior to the close of meeting, the President once again thanked Dr Bill Jenkins for his contribution to Council over the years.

President raised the issue of the Council Guest Night Dinner and indicated that a poor response had been received. Following discussion, it was suggested that the Guest Night be replaced with a Council Dinner Night with partner/spouse. It was agreed that this be investigated further.

President took the opportunity to remind Council about the forthcoming Admissions Ceremony, which will be held on 14 November 2007.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**PVK /
JAM**