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Minute of a meeting of College Council held on Tuesday 27 November 2007 within College

Present

Dr B O Williams, President	Dr L G McAlpine
Dr C G Semple, Vice President (Medical)	Dr J A McCaul
Mr D Galloway, Vice President (Surgical)	Dr M McElroy
Professor M A O Lewis, Vice President (Dental)	Mr J R McGregor
Dr E Walker, Dean of Faculty of Travel Medicine	Ms R McKee
Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary	Mr M J McKirdy
Mr I W R Anderson, Treasurer	Dr W Reid
Dr P V Knight, Registrar	Dr H Scott
Mr M Bransby-Zachary	Mr J Steers
Dr A Bryson	Professor R D Stevenson
Mr J K Drury	Professor R D Sturrock
Dr A Dunk	Mr G T Sunderland
Mr A D Henry	Mr J D Watson
Mrs A Lannigan	Dr A Zoma

In Attendance

Dr J A Miller
Mrs C M Capps

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Dr J Long; Professor S M MacRury; Professor J McKillop; Dr E Morrison;
Professor C J Suckling.

President welcomed Ms Ruth McKee and Professor Mike Lewis to their first meeting of Council.

The following Councillors were due to demit office, and President thanked them for their contribution to Council throughout their term of office:

Dr Jason Long; Professor Jim McKillop; Dr Bill Reid; Dr Colin Semple;
Professor Roger Sturrock.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council of 25 September 2007

These were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **“Aspiring to Excellence”–RCPSG Response to Professor Sir John Tooke**

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President reported that the College response had been submitted to Professor Tooke's team. It was also noted that College had contributed to response from other intercollegiate bodies. It was reported that the final report was expected in either December 2007 or January 2008.

(b) Training Fee for surgical trainees (update from JSCM)

The Council heard that the Joint Surgical Colleges had agreed that a trainee fee would be introduced from 2008. It was recognised that the fee should have been introduced with the new training regime in August 2007 but the colleges agreed to fund this for this first year and to ensure trainees had a significant period of notice before its implementation. BOTA and ASIT had been included in early discussion and would continue to be involved. It was agreed that the fee should be a maximum of £125 p.a. The method of payment etc was yet to be agreed.

(c) August 2007 Changeover of Trainee Medical Staff – response from Professor M Watson

A thank you letter from Professor Watson had been received acknowledging the work of the Scottish Health Service. Professor Watson also indicated that he had taken on board concerns raised.

(d) Revalidation for Fellows

The proposed evening update on revalidation had been cancelled, as there was little new information to impart to fellows and members at this stage. The Registrar provided an update on the AoMRC revalidation working group.

President requested that the Registrar formulate a small working group within college to review the systems which were required to ensure fellows and members had the requisite tools to ensure they could be revalidated.

On behalf of the Surgical Forum Mr Steers was invited to update Council on the work of the Project Group. He indicated that three primary sub-groups have been established encapsulating the following:

1. CPD
2. Tests of Knowledge
3. Evaluation of Individual Outcomes

An update would be given to the Surgical Forum on 29 January 2008.

Registrar

4. Any Other Competent Business

(a) Specialty Training

As Chair of the Trainees' Committee, Dr Morven McElroy was invited to lead on this issue.



Dr McElroy reported that members of College currently employed in research fellow training posts have expressed concerns regarding their situation in applying for specialty training posts.

Dr McElroy raised the following points:

1. Training numbers in Scotland have not been finalised
2. In Scotland, ST2s will be competing for ST3 specialty posts as they already have NTN, which was agreed at the MMC Specialty Training Programme Board.
3. Remaining unallocated ST3 posts will be competitively recruited
4. In Scotland some FTSTA posts will be converted to ST4 posts for those that are currently doing FTSTA3/Research to compete for.

Dr McElroy illustrated that research training fellows are a group of experienced doctors who once having achieved membership, were advised to undertake a research training post to encourage competitiveness. However, via the specialty recruitment situation as it currently stands, such individuals may potentially be lost from Scotland. Particular concern was noted within cardiology.

On behalf of the trainees, Dr McElroy sought clarity from Council on this issue.

Dr Semple was invited to respond. On answering a question regarding the number of available posts, Dr Semple indicated that information would hopefully be available via the website the second week of December.

Clarification was sought regarding the selection process and Council noted that the process would be paper based. The application form would be anonymous. An employment history would be made available, however the onus would be on being able to demonstrate achieved competencies.

President expressed a concern that there was a risk of the process being discredited and that lessons from the previous recruitment round may not have been fully learned. President indicated that he intended to raise this matter with the relevant authority.

(b) Admission to Membership

Dr Miller outlined a change to the IMRCS in that ENT trainees would now attempt the written part of the MRCS and the DOHNS examination (the latter included a written and OSCE examination).

The Councils of the RCSEng and RCSEd respectively have agreed that Part A (MCQ) of the 2008 examination and the DOHNS examination will qualify successful candidates for admission to Membership.

Council agreed that ENT trainees taking these exams, as mentioned, could be granted admission to Membership.



5. Items for Discussion

(a) **Skills Centre Development**

Members were directed to Document B, "Clinical Skills and Examination Centre" and the Addendum attaching 3 appendix.

(1) ***Council were asked to note the progress with regard to the development of the Clinical Skills and Examination Centre.***

This was noted.

(2) ***Council were then asked to discuss the following topics:***

(2.1) ***The continued involvement of RCPSG in the proposed project***

Council agreed that the RCPSG should have a continued involvement with this project.

(2.2) ***Council's view on the site of the proposed centre***

President reported that NHSGGC and University of Glasgow have indicated a preference for the site to be on or adjacent to the Southern General Hospital and expressed difficulty with an alternative site. Glasgow Caledonian University and NES have indicated that any clinical site would be satisfactory to them. RCPSG suggested there might in fact be wider benefits from not being attached to a clinical site.

President Sought the views of Council members as to the potential siting of the new facility

During a lengthy discussion the following issues were raised:-

The need for the facility to be based on an acute hospital site.

If this were the case, which acute hospital site would be the most appropriate.

Concerns about whether the proposed plans for the SGH would be initiated in full.

The plans for Glasgow University to concentrate its academic medical facility at SGH.

The role played by other potential partners.

The cost and time for an independent option appraisal.

Council members concluded that a number of variables had been become apparent in the recent past and there would therefore be merit in undertaking a formal, independent option appraisal of potential sites. The CEO was asked to set this in train recognising the cost may be up to £70K and will take around 6 months to complete.



(2.3) The principle of RCPSG becoming the lead partner in the ongoing development of the project

Council agreed that RCPSG should act as the lead partner in taking the project forward.

(2.4) The commitment of RCPSG resources to fund this project

Mr Anderson was invited to address this issue.

Mr Anderson indicated that this would be one of the largest single investments made by College and that the financial planning must be robust. It was recognised that the investment portfolio had been adjusted to take account of this plan ensuring the availability of liquid assets to part fund the project. Mr Anderson reminded Council that investment income is still required to balance the income and expenditure and that this would not therefore be available when used for this project. Therefore any loss of investment income would have to be recovered through other means.

Council members noted that further financial information was required and would be available as part of the option appraisal process. However, agreed that subject to this information that College resources could be used for this purpose.

(3) Agree clear direction for next steps

President confirmed the following:

1. RCPSG should have continued involvement in this project.
2. A full option appraisal (with a risk/ benefit analysis) should be conducted.
3. RCPSG should act as lead partner in the project.
4. Further investigation of financial modelling would be undertaken.

Further update would be provided to Council in January 2008.

(b) Forward Plan Update on Progress

Council was directed to Document C, "Forward Plan – Report on Progress".

Dr Miller updated Council on progress made to date and highlighted that there were only two "red" areas, namely:

1. Failure to increase numbers of individuals seeking College qualifications, and,
2. Failure to enhance Fellows and Members involvement in College

Dr Miller reported that work was currently being undertaken regarding these two issues and Council would be kept up-to-date regarding progress.



(c) Physicians Assistant

Dr Knight reported that this issue had previously been discussed in 2005 when it was felt this grade of staff would be useful to the NHS.

A trial importing 20 Physicians Assistants had been established and has now reached the halfway point.

The President reported that this was an on-going issue and has not yet been evaluated. A report would be provided to Council once an evaluation has taken place.

6. Board Reports

President reported that formal Board reports would no longer be provided at meetings of Council. In future council members will be provided with Board minutes and any queries could be raised at the appropriate point on the agenda.

(a) Examinations and Assessment

Mr Galloway provided the following update:

MFDS

From April 2008 there will an MFDS Part 1 (written examination) venue offered in Cardiff, for which marketing is now underway.

DCH

There has been concern over decreasing candidate numbers. The format of this examination will be discussed with the Examination Registrar to ascertain whether a new format might increase interest.

IMRCS

Discussions are ongoing regarding the format of the new IMRCS examination, which will be implemented in 2008.

American Board

There is the possibility that the American Board Examination may gain popularity with overseas candidates. This is currently being monitored.

(b) Education and Professional Development

Dr Semple provided the following update:

- At present there are 67 events planned for 2007/2008
- Increased interest has been generated in non-medical meetings
- The Inaugural Davies Lecture, by Professor Blumgart, was video-streamed via the RCPSG website at the recent meeting of the Glasgow Surgical Forum and this was very well received.
- The current Symposium Committee will be re-examined in December 2007 the exact format of which will be decided in the near future.



President took the opportunity to acknowledge the success of the recent Dumfries Symposium.

(c) Membership Services

Dr Miller provided the following update:

Admission Ceremony held on 14 November 2007

There were 98 Diplomates admitted including two Special Awards – the Fellowship (*Honoris Causa*).

Medical Students

Useful relationships are being forged with medical students from most Scottish Universities.

Membership

Membership Services Board is continually reviewing data with regard to membership.

College Advisers

Job descriptions are currently being drawn up for these positions. Interviews will be held in December for a representative from Northern Ireland.

Lay Advisory Board

A very successful recruitment event had taken place on 4 October 2007, and a follow-up event has been scheduled for January 2007.

(d) Dental Council

T C White Bequest Fund

Professor Lewis indicated that the Dental Faculty would be establishing a working group to Review the terms and conditions for the use of this fund.

Council noted the intent of the Dental Faculty to continue with progression of dental business both in the UK and overseas.

(e) Faculty of Travel Medicine

Dr Walker updated Council on the following:

Educational and Professional Development Committee

- The College Symposium on 9 October 2007 had been successful.
- *RCPSG Triennial Event* – the FTM has chosen an Asia-Pacific theme for this 2008 meeting.
- Future Joint Meetings with Pharmacists have been agreed for 2008
- A sub-group has been established to ascertain competencies/specialist training requirements



Examinations and Assessment Committee

An examination syllabus is currently being developed.

Membership Services Committee

There are now 141 confirmed members and 24 pending members of the Faculty of Travel Medicine.

(f) **Management Board**

Dr Miller indicated that plans for the Triennial Event are well under way. This event will be held on 6-7 November 2008 in the SECC.

7. Items for Information

(a) **Confirmed Minute of Faculty of Travel Medicine Board, 11.6.07**

Noted.

(b) **Unconfirmed Minute of Trainees Committee, 18.9.07**

Noted.

(c) **Unconfirmed Minute of Faculty of Travel Medicine Executive Board, 8.10.07**

Noted.

(d) **Unconfirmed Minute of Dental Council, 11.10.07**

Noted.

(e) **Unconfirmed Minute of Management Board, 29.10.07**

Noted.

8. Items for Approval

(a) **Admissions in Absentia**

The following individuals were approved for admissions in absentia:

Fellow qua Physician

Patrick Beausang , MB BCh 01/07/1991 Uni Coll Cork	47924
S. Chandrasekhara Chandilya , MB BS 01/04/1976	48552
Madai Puthiyaveetil Divakaran , MB BS 01/07/1970 Kerala	48061
Sanjay Kumar Jain , MB BS 04/03/1977 DELHI	15507
Robert John Jones , MB ChB 01/07/1993 Edinbrugh	15675
Rezaul Md Karim , MB BS 01/07/1984	48166
Kwan Kin Law , MB ChB 01/12/1994 Chinese University of Hong Kong	47879
Sheo Kumar Sharma , MB BS 14/11/1980	21625
Huck Joo Tan , MB 24/06/1994 Dublin	20892
Abdulrahman Yones , MB ChB 01/07/1979 Mosul	48867

Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology

Riham M Mortada Mohammed Affi , MB BCh 01/12/1995 Cairo	46173
Muhammed Jeed Kadib Al-Ban , MB BCh 23/08/1998 Aleppo	43718



Seddiq Abdul Ali Al-Salahim , MD 01/07/1997 Sana'a	34665
Margaret Ashritha , MB BS 01/11/1993 Baba Farid	34893
Emad Mahmoud Badawy , MB BCh 01/12/1994 Cairo	41184
Simantan Basu , MB BS 31/03/1992 Calcutta	31529
Deepender Chauhan , MB BS 16/09/2000 Delhi	48002
Tamer Fahmy Mohamed Eliwa , MB BCh 01/12/1997 Ain Shams	45106
A H M Enayet Hussain , MB BS 25/03/1987 Chittagong	27133
Ajay Pal Singh Jhinja , MB BS 22/02/2000 Rajasthan	47951
Deva Amirthan Loganathan , MB BS 29/11/2000 Colombo, Sir Lanka	44128
Ashok Kumar M , MB BS 23/03/2000 MGR Medical Uni	47945
S Soundari , MB BS 28/03/2001 Dr MGR Med Tamil Nadu	44136

Fellow of the Faculty of Travel Medicine

Marc Timothy Malcolm Shaw , MB ChB 01/07/1974 Otago	42402
David Robert Shlim , MD 01/07/1976 Chicago	47954
Annelies Wilder-Smith , MD 01/07/1987 Heidelberg	48989

Member qua Surgeon

Leigh Elizabeth Adie , MB ChB 02/07/2004 Dundee	40457
Gul Afshan , MB BS 20/04/1989 Karachi, Pakistan	48177
Anis Ahmed , MB BS 01/08/1994 Punjab	41365
Hiba Mohamed El Amin Mohamed Ahmed , MB BS 20/09/1998 Gezira	41907
Muhammad Iftikhar Ahmed , MB BS 01/02/1999 punjab	41830
Akhtar Ali , MB BS 14/02/1998 Punjab	41364
Angelica Shibana Augustine , MB ChB 10/07/2004 Edinburgh	41335
Alistair Stewart Brydone , MB ChB 14/07/2004 Edinburgh	42174
Yousef Mohamed Amin El-Gohary , MB BCh 17/06/2005 Dublin	44637
Nabankur Ghosh , MB BS 20/01/2004 Calcutta	48180
Preethi Parvathi Gopinath , MB BS 15/07/2004 London (Imp Coll Med	46891
Mayank Jain , MB BS 20/12/2002 Mumbai	43521
Waqas Javed , MB BS 10/01/2004 Health Sciences	40531
Venkateshwaran N , MB BS 12/04/2000 Kuvempu, Karnataka	42681
Nairuthya S , MB BS 23/12/2001 Mysore	48064
Asif Pardiwala , MB BS 01/12/1993 Bombay Univ	42312
Muhammad Shahzad Shamim , MB BS 03/09/2002 Karachi	39100
Anoop Kumar Singh , MB BS 18/08/1988 Punjab	41876
Ajith Prasad Jayasree Sreenivasan , MB BS 28/02/1997 Kerala Univ.	40877
Vishal Upadhyay , MB BS 01/02/1998 Aligarh Muslim Univ.	42356

Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

Ferhan Ahmed , BDS 01/01/2005 Glasgow	43938
Hassan Ali , BDS 01/01/2005 Glasgow	44086
Shauna Elaine Culshaw , BDS 11/07/2005 Glasgow	43846
Lewis Hazelton , BDS 06/07/2005 Glasgow	44083
Ioannis Levisianos , BDS 01/07/2005 Glasgow	43966



Member in Surgical Dentistry

Joanna Sarah **Rees**, BChD 01/12/1987 Leeds 10992

Member of the Faculty of Travel Medicine

Mark John **Foreman**, MB BS 06/05/1993 Adelaide 48046

Mauro **Saio**, MD 10/11/1977 Turin (Italy) 48650

Damian Carson **Williams**, MB ChB Birmingham 48921

Member

Sameir **Alawadhi**, MB ChB 01/07/1999 Aberdeen 28693

Salman Danish **Jafri**, MB BS 24/02/1997 KARACHI 48854

Yaser Rabie Ahmad **Kombar**, MB BCh 01/07/1987 Mansoura 48891

Associate of the Faculty of Travel Medicine

Shirley Margaret **Bannatyne**, RGN 11/04/1978 43915

Clare **Henderson**, RGN 31/10/1994 Dundee 43907

Wei Ting Agnes **Hsu**, DOCTOR OF MEDICINE 01/06/2001 Taiwan 44336

Elaine Patricia **Richardson**, RGN 26/03/1975 43952

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 January 2008, 4.10pm, in College Hall.

Prior to the close of meeting, President asked Council to note the dates of future meetings.

Members of Council were also reminded that the AGM would be held in College on 30 November 2007.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.