



## CONFIRMED

### Minute of a meeting of College Council held on Tuesday 11 March 2008 within College

#### Present

Professor B O Williams, President  
 Mr I W R Anderson, Treasurer  
 Professor P V Knight, Registrar  
 Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary  
 Dr E Walker, Dean of Faculty of Travel Medicine  
 Mr M Bransby-Zachary  
 Mr G Conn  
 Mr J K Drury  
 Mr A Dunk  
 Mr A D Henry  
 Mrs A Lannigan

Professor S MacRury  
 Mr J R McGregor  
 Mr M J McKirdy  
 Dr M McElroy  
 Dr R Madhok  
 Dr E Morrison  
 Dr H Scott  
 Mr J Steers  
 Professor R D Stevenson  
 Mr G T Sunderland  
 Dr A Zoma

#### In Attendance

Dr J A Miller  
 Mrs C M Capps

#### **ACTION**

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Dr Bryson, Dr G Cook, Professor Connell, Dr Dunn, Mr Galloway, Professor Lewis, Dr McAlpine, Dr McCaul, Dr McKee, Mr Mamode, Dr Paterson, Professor Suckling, Mr Watson.

#### 2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council of 8 January 2008

These were approved as an accurate record.

#### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

##### (a) **Revalidation for Fellows**

Professor Knight updated Council on the following three meetings:

##### 1. **Surgical Forum of Great Britain and Ireland**

The Forum Recertification Governance Group met on 28.1.08. Three sub-



groups have now been established and are up and running. These sub-groups are:

- (1) Standards and Assessment
- (2) CPD
- (3) Outcomes and Peer Review

## **2. Royal Colleges of Physicians**

Council noted that the three Royal Colleges of Physicians are now working together. However, there is no agreement as yet for this to become the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of the Federation activities.

## **3. Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Development Groups**

A number of key workstreams had been identified. Five working groups are in the process of being established (two have already been established; CPD and E-learning).

Professor Knight indicated that the GMC has produced a generic set of standards. The revalidation group would be submitting a formal response to the documentation. Council noted that the GMC will have the responsibility of relicensing, whilst responsibility for the standards required for specialist recertification process rests with Colleges.

In response to a question, Professor Knight confirmed that the GMC would be responsible for indemnifying the whole revalidation process.

Council will be kept up-to-date regarding revalidation matters.

## **(b) Update on Skills Centre Development**

Dr Miller reported that the process is well underway and the project is within the budget and timescales agreed at Council in November 07. Submission tenders have been received from consultants regarding site option appraisal. URS, a local company, has been engaged to undertake the option appraisal for the site of the proposed skills centre.

Council noted that an initial estimate of option appraisal for this work had been calculated over a period of six months at a cost of £70-75k. However, the final estimate offered a timescale of 12 weeks at a cost of £30-£35k.

Meetings with internal and external stakeholders have taken place. Potential sites have been identified and the external stakeholders have been asked to rank their preference.

Dr Miller reported that further financial planning is now underway in light of additional information and that discrete funding sources were being explored by CEO.

During discussion Dr Miller answered questions posed to him and took the



opportunity to outline the raft of facilities that will be available within the new Skills Centre. Council noted that NES has designed a managed education network and are also hoping to pilot a mobile skills centre.

**(c) Update on Lay Advisory Board Induction Event, 10.1.08**

Dr Taylor reported that the Induction Evening held on Thursday 10 January 2008, had been well attended with approximately twenty individuals expressing willingness to become LAB/LAP members.

A debate surrounding the consultation document on a proposed Tobacco Licensing (*Scotland*) Bill had taken place, and views from this discussion had been included in Colleges response to the consultation document.

The LAB AGM has been set for Thursday 10th April, and these new members will be invited to attend. The revamped LAB will be up and running after the LAB AGM.

**(d) Letter from Ms N Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing**

As discussed at Council in January, President requested clarification from Ms Sturgeon about the creation of ST3 posts. A response had been received from Ms Sturgeon clarifying that the additional 30 ST3 posts were all within the medical specialties and had been created through redesignation of FTSTA and ST1 numbers.

**(e) Audit and Remuneration Committee**

One additional member had now been identified. A further would be approached.

**(f) Professor Margaret Chan**

Council was reminded that Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of the WHO, had been elected to receive Fellowship Honoris Causa of RCPSG.

Professor Knight reported that since taking up her position as D-G of the WHO in January 2007, as a matter of principle and fairness to all institutions, Dr Chan decided to relinquish all fellowships and professorships. Therefore, on this occasion she has declined the honour of fellowship.



**(g) Iraqi doctors**

Dr Zoma was invited to update Council on the clinical observation placements of Iraqi clinicians (19 male, 5 female) to Glasgow. These individuals are in clinical placements at the following hospital sites:

- *Royal Hospital for Sick Children – Paediatrics (Prof Robert Carachi)*
- *Southern General Hospital – Maxillofacial (Mr David Koppel)*
- *Southern General Hospital – Radiology (Dr Paul Duffy)*
- *Glasgow Royal Infirmary - Plastic Surgery (Mr I MacKay)*

Dr Zoma indicated that the visit had been successful and recorded his thanks to Mrs Melanie Chambers, Dr Brian Howieson and Dr Jim Miller for their efforts in pulling this visit together.

**4. Any Other Competent Business**

**(a) Workforce Planning**

Professor Knight outlined a Scottish Government initiative regarding workforce planning, this was part of the Scottish Government response to the Tooke Report, regarding reshaping the medical workforce. Following a meeting in February, it was noted that should the government decide to tie current trainee places to number of future consultant posts, the level of trainee input into service provision would be halved leaving a huge service gap.

A paper is expected regarding workforce planning in the near future, and a further meeting will be held at the end of March. Council will be updated thereafter.

**(b) Faculty of Public Health Medicine**

The Faculty of Public Health Medicine is considering applying for College status, and requested support from parent Colleges.

Following discussion, Councillors supported and accepted this request. It was suggested that should the FoPHM be successful in this request, their seat on RCPSG Council would no longer be required.

**5. Items for Discussion**

**(a) Tooke Report**

Chairman referred to documents 'B' (*Press Release from Sir John Tooke*) and 'C' (*DoH's response to the Tooke Report*).

Council noted that all draft recommendations appear to have been accepted (these recommendations mostly affect England and other organisations). The Chairman confirmed that PMETB will be assimilated with the GMC by 2010. The Chairman reminded Council that a successor for Professor Rubin has yet to be



been identified although the process was now underway. The President reiterated that Sir Graeme Catto will remain with the GMC for another year.

Chairman directed Council members to document 'D' (*Response of the Council of RCPSG to "Aspiring to Excellence – Scottish Government Consultation on Professor Sir John Tooke's Recommendations"*), and intimated that the College response would be submitted by the end of April.

Clarification was given with regard to the membership figure cited in College response to question (16):

**Question:** *"Do you agree with our view that changes to the structure of postgraduate medical training should await further discussion on the future shape of the medical workforce and that we should minimise that change until that is clearer? If not, why not and what are your suggestions?"*

**Answer:** *"No. The uncoupling of Foundation training and the competitive split at ST 2/3 has the support of over 85% of our membership and the profession in general and should take place immediately. To perpetuate with what the profession sees as a poor system would cause considerable disquiet." The figure quoted is of those who replied to the online survey and attended a College meeting on the subject*

Dr McElroy confirmed that the RCPSG Trainees' Committee has also submitted its own response (a copy of which will be distributed to Council members). This has been cross referred to the College response to ensure that there were no inconsistent messages.

The Chairman highlighted that reports had been received on the discussion within MMC England. Little information was distributed from the Scotland MMC group and he felt that due to this lack of information it was becoming increasingly difficult to forward plan.

The Chairman requested that should members of Council have strong feelings regarding any issues discussed, they should contact him directly.

## **(b) Academy Governance Review**

President had attended a meeting of the AoMRC where discussion about a governance review of the AoMRC had taken place. Comments were sought from member Colleges.

To enable discussion, Councillors were directed to documents 'E' (*"Academy Governance Review: Academy Working Party Terms of Reference"*) and 'F' (*"Presentation on Governance of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges"*).

Council members were unanimous that there should be no executive function from any of the AoMRC member bodies. However, in lieu of the funding for AoMRC activities, Council was in agreement that the AoMRC should review its



current governance arrangements, remembering the requirements for charity regulators. As indicated in document 'E', Council supported the "Proposed new object for the Academy".

The establishment of three new bodies was proposed (Membership Body, Trustee Body and Council), and Councillors felt that more information on the roles and remits of these bodies would be necessary to allow a greater understanding of their function.

Membership was discussed and it was agreed that more detail was required to allay potential problems of membership betwixt Membership Body and AoMRC. Furthermore, questions were raised about the appointment of Trustees and Councillors inquired about the possibility of all constituent members being appointed Trustees.

President indicated that further discussion would take place at the AoMRC in April, however in the meantime he would respond to the AoMRC with comments raised at Council. A copy of his response would be circulated to Council for information.

**President**

## 6. **Items for Noting**

### (a) **Education and Professional Development Board**

- (i) **Unconfirmed Minute of Education and Professional Development Board, 29.1.08**  
Noted.
- (ii) **Unconfirmed Minute of Trainees' Committee, 29.1.08**  
Noted.

### (b) **Membership Services Board**

- (i) **Minute of Membership Services Board, 24.1.08**  
Noted.
- (ii) **Triennial Event (presentation attached)**  
Dr Taylor gave a presentation on the forthcoming Triennial Event, and answered any questions raised by Councillors. Dr Taylor encouraged Councillors to help promote this conference.

The Chairman thanked Dr Taylor for her presentation and congratulated her and her team in bringing this exciting project to this stage of planning.

- (iii) **Membership data**  
A paper on Membership data was noted.

### (c) **Dental Faculty**



No minute was received and Professor Lewis had tendered his apology therefore no verbal update was provided.

**(d) Faculty of Travel Medicine**

- (i) Board Meeting, 8.10.07**  
Noted.
- (ii) Education and Professional Development Committee, 8.10.07**  
Noted.
- (iii) Examination and Assessment Committee, 8.10.07**  
Noted.
- (iv) Membership Services Committee, 8.10.07**  
Noted.
- (v) Minute of Meeting of the Faculty of Travel Medicine Executive Board, 11.2.08**  
Noted.

**(e) Examinations and Assessment Board**

- (i) Unconfirmed Minute of Examinations and Assessment Board, 7.2.08**  
Noted.

**(f) Management Board**

- (i) Unconfirmed Minute of Management Board, 5.2.08**  
Noted.

- (g) Executive Summary of the Meeting of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, 23.1.08**  
Noted.

**7. Dates for Noting**

Councillors were asked to note the following dates:

- Harrogate Meeting, 14.3.08
- Admission Ceremony, 19.3.08
- Scottish Royal Colleges Meeting, 25.3.08
- National Workforce Planning Meeting, 27.3.08
- Visit of Albanian Health Minister, 21.4.08
- Davies International Meeting, 10-11.5.08
- Sheffield Symposium, 16.5.08

**8. Items for Approval**



(a) **Admissions in Absentia**

*In future, Admissions in Absentia would be circulated and approved electronically.*

**Fellow qua Physician**

Md Abu Baker **Siddiqui**, MB BS 01/12/1975 RAJSHAHI 49461  
Kit Yee Karmen **Wong**, MB BS 01/07/1986 Adelaide 49206

**Fellow qua Surgeon**

David Martin **Gawler**, MB BS 18/12/1971 Melbourne 38881

**Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology**

Nassra Salim Mohammed **Al Habsi**, MB BS 08/1993 Sultan Qaboos 32897  
Nancy Khalaf Abdel-Karim **Al-Raqqad**, MB BS 25/06/2001 Jordan 48510  
Ahmad Hasan Gad **Ali**, MB BCh 01/12/1996 Ain Shams 46204  
Nahed Mokhtar **Boru**, MB BCh 01/06/1990 Al Fatah, Libya 45665  
Elham **Eltohamy**, MB BCh 01/12/1983 Zagazig 42197  
Dawn Ancelia **Grosvenor**, MB BS 01/07/2000 Uni of West Indies 48306  
Sreelatha **R**, MB BS 12/07/1990 Calicut 48998

**Member qua Surgeon**

Shazia **Hameed**, MB BS 30/10/1998 Karachi Univ 45305  
Ashutosh **Rai**, MB BS 11/02/2003 Agra 45615  
Salvatore **Russo**, MD 18/04/2001 Tor Vergata 48378  
Rahul **Sharma**, MB BS 26/11/1998 Pondicherry 41313

**Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

Fawaz Abdul Hamid **Baig**, BDS 04/2001 Rajiv Gandhi Univ of Health 33831  
Mohamed C. H. **Faiz**, BDS 01/04/2002 Rajiv Gandhi 40515  
Sreekumar **Kalavichirattil**, BDS 31/07/2002 MGR 33516  
Vikram Ramchandra **Karande**, BDS 20/12/2002 Mumbai 43985  
Sandhya **Kuppan**, BDS 25/06/2004 Tamil Nadu MGR 43948  
Shanmuga Priya **Prabhakaran**, BDS 01/10/2000 Dr M G R 41068  
Rajan Babu **Ramakrishna**, BDS 25/06/2004 Dr MGR 41014  
Arvind **Ramanathan**, BDS 29/05/2003 Rajiv Gandhi 39567  
Durga Sreenivas **Sanagapalli**, MDS 12/1998 Univ of Health Sciences 11910  
P U Abdul **Wahab**, BDS 18/12/2003 Rajiv Gandhi 36639

**Member of the Faculty of Travel Medicine**

Sam **Allen**, MB 09/07/1991 Manchester 17886



**Member**

Saad Sulainan Dinar <b>Al-Zenki</b> , MB BCh 14/06/2002 Dublin	50545
Yasir Abdulkarim <b>Alrawi</b> , MB ChB 06/07/1995 BAGHDAD	50640
Alistair John <b>Cormack</b> , MB ChB 01/07/1999 Glasgow	28742
Ahmed Mohamed Abdel Fattah <b>El Zayat</b> , MB BCh 01/12/1996 Zagazig	50642
Shashiraj <b>Eswarappa</b> , MB BS 01/07/1993 Kasturba	50635
Ahmed <b>Gabroun</b> , MB BCh 01/06/1994 EL FATEH	19947
Oblampalli <b>Kiran</b> , MB BS 23/03/2000 Tamilnadu	40014

**9. Date of Future Meetings**

Tuesday 27 May 2008, 4.10pm, in College Hall.