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Minute of a meeting of College Council held on Tuesday 27 May 2008 within College

Present

Professor B O Williams, President	Dr M McElroy
Mr I W R Anderson, Treasurer	Mr J R McGregor
Dr F Dunn, Vice President (Medical)	Mr M J McKirdy
Mr D Galloway, Vice President (Surgical)	Dr R Madhok
Professor P V Knight, Registrar	Dr E Morrison
Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary	Dr H Scott
Dr E Walker, Dean of Faculty of Travel Medicine	Mr J Steers
Mr M Bransby-Zachary	Mr G T Sunderland
Mr G Conn	Mr J D Watson
Dr G Cook	Dr A Wray
Professor S MacRury	Dr A Zoma

In Attendance

Dr J A Miller
Mrs C M Capps

ACTION

1. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from:
Mr J K Drury; Dr A Dunk; Mr A D Henry; Mrs A Lannigan; Professor M A O Lewis;
Dr R McKee; Mr N Mamode; Professor R D Stevenson; Professor C J Suckling.
2. **Welcome**
In her capacity of Vice-Dean to the Dental Faculty, Dr Alyson Wray was welcomed to Council.

Ms Valerie Hogg (Head of Examinations & Assessment) and Mrs Lorraine Quigg (Head of Finance and Support Services) were welcomed in their capacity as observers.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
These were approved as an accurate record.



4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

(a) **Revalidation for Fellows**

Professor Knight provided an update from the recent Academy Revalidation Development Group. Council noted that there was still a lot of detail to be worked out. There was also a strong need to develop a framework and identify project leaders to implement the various processes.

Mr Steers reported that surgeons have taken the view that recertification should be "*what makes a surgeon a surgeon*". Following a meeting of the Forum Recertification Governance Group and the Academy, Mr Steers outlined the intent to include Ophthalmologists, Obstetricians, Interventional Radiologists and Anaesthetists, as part of the outcomes projects group. It was felt that there would be a common theme across all specialties in designing an outcomes process. This would perhaps also enable a more sizeable sum of a grant awarded for any pilot as "college allocations" could be combined.

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

Dr Miller provided an update. URS has completed the option appraisal and concluded that the Southern General site is the preferred choice. Following an announcement from Nicola Sturgeon, MSP, Council noted the treasury funding plans for redevelopment at the Southern General Hospital Campus.

College would be the financial lead on the development of the skills centre. Dr Miller indicated that the availability and cost of capital has moved significantly in the past 6 months and the financial modelling had changed to take this into account. This information would be discussed at a scheduled meeting with senior officers from the partner organisations on 4th June.

The Treasurer reaffirmed his own and Council's support for the need for such a project and commended the preparatory work undertaken. The key risk was the level and time period to which the partners were willing to commit.

A formal report will be presented to Council in July at which time Council will make a final decision.

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(c) **Audit and Remuneration Committee**

The Audit and Remuneration Committee now has its full quota of members.



The out-turn figures for 2007/2008 and budget for 2008/2009 will be presented to Council in July.

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(d) Update on Workforce Planning

Professor Knight provided feedback from a meeting sponsored by the Scottish Government Health Department regarding workforce planning.

The Tooke report suggested that a common approach to the role of a doctor should be explored. This question was reviewed in various sub-specialty groups. In particular this looked at the current definitions of a trained doctor, the role and level of CCT and the current balance of trainee input to service commitment.

The SGHD took the view that the level of service commitment provided by trainees could reduce by as much as 50% in the coming years. There was therefore a need to explore how the service might be able to fill this gap. A variety of options were identified. These ranged from the introduction of sub consultant grades to two-tier CCTs to substitution of other professions to full replacement by current consultant grades.

No firm conclusions had been drawn other than to suggest that further work was required. The President suggested that this matter was likely to be the subject of debate in the Scottish Academy.

(e) Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

President reported Dame Carol Black has indicated that she would not stand for another year as chairman of the Academy, unless she had the clear support of the Presidents.

5. Any Other Competent Business

(a) Update on MSc in Clinical Leadership

The programme has now been officially launched, and applications have been accepted. The first cohort of students will commence in September 2008.

(b) Heritage Lottery

Dr Miller reminded Council of previous discussions surrounding the management of heritable assets.

Following legal advice and helpful discussions with successful heritage lottery fund bidders, a paper has been taken to Management Board which outlined the process of bringing such a grant to fruition. It was agreed that a Heritage Lottery Fund Application Group should be established with the aim of submitting a grant in 2009. If successful, investment funding would assist with developing and conserving the Library and Archive facilities within College.



6. Items for Discussion

- (a) **RESTRICTED BUSINESS**
- (b) **Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine Proposals**
The proposals submitted by the faculty were agreed.
- (c) **Representation of Occupational Medicine in the RCPSG**
Dr Miller outlined a request from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine seeking representation on College Council. This was discussed and it was agreed that Council would be happy to have a co-opted observer member with any expenses being met from the Faculty.

7. Items for Noting

- (a) **Education and Professional Development Board**
 - (i) **Unconfirmed Minute of Education and Professional Development Board, 3.4.08**
Noted.

Dr Dunn reported that the E&PD Unit is in the process of finalising its operational plan.

- (b) **Examinations and Assessment Board**

The next meeting will be held on 5.6.08.

Mr Galloway reported that Ms Alexandra Graham had been appointed as Deputy Head of the E&A unit.

President indicated that Mr David Galloway would be demitting office as JCIE chairman in the near future. On behalf of Council he was thanked for his unstinting work on the JCIE.

- (c) **Membership Services Board**

- (i) **Unconfirmed Minute of Membership Services Board, 1.5.08**
Noted.
- (ii) **Unconfirmed Minute of Lachlan McNeill Scholarship in Ophthalmology, 26.2.08**
Noted.
- (iii) **Unconfirmed Minute of Scholarship Committee, 31.1.08**
Noted.

Dr Taylor provided a brief update from Membership Services:

1. Ms Caryn Nicolson has been appointed Head of Membership Services.
2. The AGM of the Lay Advisory Board was held in April and the new board / panel members had attended. Dr Taylor reported that the evening had been



a success.

3. Triennial Event ~ Dr Taylor provided an update on progress.

(d) **Dental Faculty**

(i) **Unconfirmed Minute of Dental Council, 17.4.08**

Noted.

(ii) **Confirmed Minute of Dental Council, 21.2.08**

Noted.

Dr Wray reported that the new administration was settling in well, and noted that there was much enthusiasm within the Dental Faculty.

It was agreed Dr Wray should represent the Dental Faculty in Professor Lewis' absence.

(e) **Faculty of Travel Medicine**

The next diet of meetings will be held in June.

Dr Walker was hopeful that the new FTM examination would be available next year. Dr Walker reported that the recent Travel Medicine Conference in Helsinki had been successful.

(f) **Management Board**

(i) **Unconfirmed Minute of Management Board, 21.4.08**

Noted.

(g) **Executive Summary of the**

Meeting of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, 17.4.08

Noted.

8. **Items for Approval**

(a) **Proposal for Professor Donald Berwick to be nominated for Fellowship Honoris Causa of the College**

Agreed.

(b) **To elect:**

- ***Dr Alistair McGowan Fellowship qua Physician ad eundem***

- ***Professor Brian Avery Fellowship in Dental Surgery ad eundem***

Agreed.

(c) **Expulsion from Membership/Fellowship of the College**

Agreed.



9. Dates of Future Meetings

Monday 28 July 2008
Friday 19 September 2008
Tuesday 28 November 2008