



## **CONFIRMED**

### **Minute of a meeting of College Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 4.10pm, within College**

#### **Present**

Professor B O Williams, President  
 Mr I W R Anderson, Honorary Treasurer and Visitor  
 Dr F Dunn, Vice President (Medical)  
 Mr D Galloway, Vice President (Surgical)  
 Professor P V Knight, Registrar  
 Dr E Morrison, Honorary Librarian  
 Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary  
 Mr M Bransby-Zachary  
 Mr G Conn  
 Professor J Connell  
 Mr J Drury  
 Mr A D Henry

Mrs A Lannigan  
 Dr M McElroy  
 Mr J McGregor  
 Dr R McKee  
 Dr R Madhok  
 Dr H Scott  
 Mr J Steers  
 Mr G T Sunderland  
 Dr E R Waclawski  
 Dr E Walker  
 Mr J D Watson  
 Dr A Zoma

#### **In Attendance**

Dr J A Miller  
 Mrs C M Capps

#### ***ACTION***

#### **1. Welcome**

President welcomed:

- Mr Ian Anderson as Visitor;
- Ms Caryn Nicolson, Head of Membership Services, as observer;
- Mrs Lorraine Quigg, Head of Finance and Support Services, as observer.

President intimated that this was the last meeting of Mr John Drury in his capacity as Director of Surgical Examinations, and Mr Graham Sunderland in his capacity as Director of Surgical Education. President thanked both gentlemen for their input within the respective units and indeed for their contribution to Council over the years.

Council noted:

- Mr John McGregor had been appointed as Director of Surgical Examinations;
- Mr Roy Scott had been appointed as Director of Surgical Education.

#### **Apologies**

Dr G Cook; Dr A Dunk; Professor M A O Lewis; Professor S MacRury; Dr L McAlpine; Dr J A McCaul; Dr N Mamode; Dr K Paterson.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

These were approved as an accurate record.



### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### (3.1) **Board of Trustees**

President directed Council to Document (B), and reminded the meeting about previous discussions surrounding the need for a Board of Trustees. Dr Asad Zoma had submitted comments on this paper and discussed these with Mr Ian Anderson. A number of Councillors felt that the proposals had incorporated the required changes to make this Trustee body an effective governance group for College.

Council thereafter agreed and accepted the modifications to allow for a new Trustee Body be formed with the role, remit and membership as outlined in Document (B) and (Bi).

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#### (3.2) **Regulation changes**

Professor Knight outlined the requirement for amendments to the Regulations to allow for the Board of Trustees. A formal proposal would therefore be constituted and presented at an EGM, the arrangements for which would be made in line with current regulations and bye-laws.

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### 4. Any Other Competent Business

#### (4.1) **Acute Medicine**

Dr McElroy was invited to update Council on the issues surrounding changes affecting trainee physicians who may find themselves disadvantaged on the General (Internal) Medicine and Acute Medicine curricula pathway.

Council sympathised with the position in which this cohort of trainee physicians found themselves. Following discussion it was noted that there had been poor communication and a lack of awareness. President stated that the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board would take forward those concerns raised by the physician trainees and discuss them with PMETB. It was anticipated that this situation would be rectified.

Dr McElroy indicated she would be liaising with sister Colleges and would keep Council up to date.

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#### (4.2) **Vale of Leven**

President outlined recent discussions regarding the current consultation process underway through NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde with regard to the Vale of Leven Hospital. The Vale of Leven surgical services had been transferred to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley some time ago, and discussion now surrounds the provision of medical services at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

President reported that RCPSG had been contacted by Fellows based at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, regarding the consultation undertaken by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Concerns had been expressed about the way this consultation had been handled, and the meeting noted that it had been reported that physicians had been excluded from contributing to the consultation process proactively. Concern had also been raised that they had not been fully involved



in the development of the stated 'vision' for acute medical services at the Vale of Leven Hospital. President also reported that the RCPE and RCPLon colleges had also been contacted with regard to the position. The Presidents had asked that Professor Williams act on their behalf in this matter.

Members of Council expressed their concern at the issues being raised by the method and content of the consultation process. Council restricted its discussions to issues relating to patient safety, the continuity of care and the quality of training within the organisation. Council members were careful to avoid any discussion as to the wider political matters in relation to this situation.

In particular Council felt that assurances be sought that the medical staff required to provide this level of care should meet those competencies outlined in the curriculum for level two physicians. Council also felt that it would be appropriate to direct the health board attention to the document produced by AoMRC in relation to those services required by any hospital engaged in 'unselected take'.

It was agreed that College's response to the consultation should be shared with the Fellows at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the Chief Executive of the Health Board as well as the Presidents from the other Royal Colleges of Physicians. This will be accompanied by a covering letter from the President.

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**(4.3) Federation finances**

Dr Miller updated Council on the meeting held between RCPL, RCPEd and RCPSG and outlined the current negotiations and options around the Federation of Physicians' finances and how they impact on RCPSG finances. Unfortunately agreement had not been reached between the three colleges but some progress had been made. Whilst a number of relatively minor matters required to be resolved a significant barrier remain in place with regard to the requirements of the RCPE Council. It was noted that a final position was due to be presented to the RCPE Council at its meeting at the end of January and the position would be reviewed in light of the outcome. Council would be kept informed of progress.

**JAM**

**5. Items for Discussion**

**(5.1) Election Process**

**(5.1.1)** A vacancy had arisen for an Ordinary Councillor *qua* Physician for which Dr Hilary Dobson had been proposed and seconded. Dr Hilary Dobson would therefore fill this vacancy for council.

**PVK**

**(5.1.2)** Dr Miller reported that a number of issues had been raised during the recent elections for council. In particular it appeared that a number of fellows and members did not realise that their ballot papers were in their college mailing and had discarded these inadvertently. In order that the election process was not compromised, further ballot forms could not be issued. It was suggested therefore that the election process should be managed externally through the Electoral reform society.



Dr Miller answered questions placed to him and Council agreed this was the correct way forward. A paper would be prepared for the next meeting of Council.

**JAM**

**(5.2) New structure for Education**

Dr Dunn tabled the paper, “*Revised Structure for Education, Training & CPD*”, and outlined the proposals within the disciplines of dentistry, medicine and surgery, and reported that after discussion at Management Board it had been agreed that there would be the following two posts:

- (1) Director of Education and Training which would deal with matters up to award of CCT;
- (2) Director of Professional Standards, Revalidation and CPD, dealing with matters post-CCT.

It had also been agreed that co-opted directors were not required to be members of Council but they should enjoy the right of access to Council via the Vice-President (Medical). President indicated that Council size would be discussed at the next meeting of Council in March.

**6. Items for Approval**

**(6.1) Approval of appointment of College Auditors**

Council approved the appointment of Wylie and Bisset as College Auditors and noted that their position would be reviewed via the Audit and Remuneration Committee in one years’ time.

**(6.2) AGM Minute, 28.11.08**

Subject to typographical changes, the minute from the AGM was approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

***Assistant Honorary Treasurer***

President noted that Mr Anderson would continue to hold the position of honorary treasurer and visitor until such times as the appointment of an interim honorary treasurer could be arranged.

**(6.3) Recommendations for the Fellowship *qua* Physician, and the Fellowship *qua* Surgeon *ad eundem* of the College**

The following proposals were approved:

- (6.3.1) Fellowship *qua* Physician *ad eundem* - FRCP(Glasg)*ad eundem*:**
- Dr John Donohoe, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland;
  - Professor Ian Gilmore, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London;
  - Professor Jean Pierre Michel, Professor of Medicine, University of Geneva, and Academic Director of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society.
- (6.3.2) Fellowship *qua* Surgeon *ad eundem* - FRCS(Glasg) *ad eundem***
- Professor Frank Keane, President of the Royal College of



- Surgeons in Ireland;
- Mr John Orr, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh;
- Dr Rakesh Prasad Srivasthava, President Elect of the Association of Surgeons of India.

## 7. Board Reports

### For information and discussion of exceptional issues only

#### (7.1) Education and Professional Development Board

##### ***Unconfirmed Minute of E&PD Board, 27.11.08***

Noted.

Council was reminded that the Leadership Lecture would be delivered by Air Chief Marshall Sir Jock Stirrup on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March within College.

##### ***Unconfirmed Minute of Trainees Committee, 4.11.08***

Noted.

Professor Connell requested that Dr McElroy contact him directly regarding agenda item (3b) *Recruitment to Specialty Training 2009*. This was agreed by Dr Elroy.

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#### (7.2) Examinations and Assessment Board

##### ***Unconfirmed Minute of Examinations and Assessment Board, 25.11.08***

Noted.

Mr Galloway provided the following update:

- 1) The Faculty of Travel Medicine would hold the FTM examination in January 2010.
- 2) There is the possibility of launching a new diploma linked with GP trainees. Council would be kept informed about this.
- 3) Interest had been expressed to host the MFDS (part one) examination in California, USA. Council will be kept up to date regarding this.
- 4) Two out of three candidates were successful in obtaining the FRCS (Urology) (Glasgow), from the Malaysian Board of Urology.

#### (7.3) Membership Services Board

##### ***Unconfirmed Minute of MSB, 17.11.08***

Noted.



Dr Taylor provided the following update:

- 1) A Market Research Programme has commenced and feedback was encouraged and welcomed.
- 2) A programme for following up expired/lapsed membership had commenced.
- 3) A College Representatives programme is currently being devised.
- 4) LAB – the Question Time style evening had been postponed. Council would be kept informed on progress.
- 5) An evaluation and report on the Triennial Conference would be circulated to Council for information and comment.
- 6) Ratification of Associateship of the Dental Faculty was approved at College AGM in November 2008.

***Unconfirmed Minute of Ethicon Foundation Travelling Fellowship Fund Committee, 5.12.08***

Noted.

**(7.4) Dental Faculty**

***Unconfirmed Minute of Dental Council, 18.12.08***

Noted.

**(7.5) Faculty of Travel Medicine**

***Unconfirmed Minute of meeting of Faculty of Travel Medicine, 6.11.08***

Noted.

**(7.6) Management Board**

***Unconfirmed Minute of MB meeting, 17.12.08***

Noted.

**(7.7) Academy of Medical Royal Colleges**

***Executive summary of open session of the meeting of the AoMRC, 9.12.08***

Noted.

**(7.8) Audit and Remuneration Committee**

***Unconfirmed Minute of Audit Committee, 18.11.08***

Noted.

Council noted that Mr James Watson was a new member of the Audit and Remuneration Committee, replacing Professor Robin Stevenson.

**8 Dates of Future Meetings**

- **Monday 30 March 2009**
- Wednesday 6 May 2009
- Thursday 30 July 2009
- Friday 11 September 2009
- Monday 2 November 2009