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ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Minute of a meeting of Council held in
the SLT within College on
Tuesday 2 May 2006

Present:

Professor Sir Graham Teasdale, President
 Dr B O Williams, Visitor
 Dr C G Semple, Vice President (Medical)
 Mr J C Ferguson, Vice President (Surgical)
 Dr W M M Jenkins, Vice President (Dental)
 Dr P V Knight, Honorary Secretary and Registrar
 Mr I W R Anderson, Honorary Treasurer
 Dr E Morrison, Honorary Librarian
 Dr A Bryson
 Mr M Bransby-Zachary
 Professor J Connell
 Mr J K Drury
 Dr A Dunk
 Dr A D Henry
 Mrs A Lannigan
 Dr L G McAlpine
 Mr J R McGregor
 Mr M J McKirdy
 Mr C G Morran
 Dr W Reid
 Dr H Scott
 Dr M M Steven
 Dr R D Stevenson
 Mr G T Sunderland

In Attendance

Dr J A Miller

1. Apologies and Welcome:

Professor J McKillop, Mr J A Murie, Dr K R Paterson, Professor R Sturrock.

The President welcomed Drs Scott and McAlpine to their first meeting of Council in their new roles as Director Of Medical Education and CPD and Director of Medical Examinations respectively.

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2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council 21 March 2006

This was accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3a. Financial Audit and Remuneration Committee

Dr Miller reminded Council of the membership of this new committee and indicated it was now time to establish the group with appropriate membership. The President reminded the group that three Ordinary Councillors were required and any volunteers should let the Secretary know. Dr Miller confirmed that he had the names of two potential lay members and he would follow this matter up.

3b. Accommodation

Dr Miller outlined the ongoing discussions with regard to:

- a) Use of current College accommodation
- b) Short to medium term requirements
- c) Longer term planning

In relation to the internal accommodation it was noted that many of the rooms within College are currently under utilised whilst some members of staff were housed within very poor accommodation in the basement of the building. It had, therefore, been agreed at the Management Board that the New Seminar Room should be adapted for office accommodation and the activity scheduled for this facility should be rescheduled for other rooms. It was also noted that the accommodation within the basement could be readily adapted as a seminar room at relatively low cost, should this be required in the future.

Dr Miller answered a variety of questions in relation to the current utilisation of College accommodation and where the accommodation was used either for internal or external purposes. It was agreed that a summary of utilisation should be attached to the minute of Council for information.

In the short to medium term it was recognised that there was a requirement to improve the examination and skills development facilities within the College. The success of examinations and skills courses meant that current accommodation was too small. In some instances this activity was now taking place in hotels at costs of up to £4,000 per exam sitting. Dr Miller reported that he had had some discussions with NHS Greater Glasgow and some accommodation had been identified as a potential interim solution. It was also noted that this could be an area for joint working with Glasgow University, NHS Greater Glasgow and NES.

With regard to longer term planning, Dr Miller reported that he had been asked to lead a planning group consisting of representatives from the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons in Glasgow, NES, NHS Greater Glasgow and Glasgow University to scope the feasibility of the development of a medical education and examination centre on the new Southern General site.

The President thanked Dr Miller and the Visitor for the ongoing work in taking forward the accommodation requirements to address the priorities for the short, medium and long term.

3c. Scottish Royal Colleges

Dr Miller reported that following the last Council meeting he had begun the process of sharing information with his Chief Executive colleagues in the other two Scottish Royal Colleges. Dr Miller also reported that he awaited potential dates for joint meetings.

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3d. Charities Legislation

The President requested any further details following the presentation made at the last Council meeting. Dr Miller indicated that there was the potential for some intercollegiate working in relation to this matter and details of a potential joint meeting with the Head of the Office for Scottish Charities Regulator would be forthcoming.

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3e. Post Nominal Letters/Dental

The President reported that following discussion at the Clinical Policy Group it was agreed that MRCPSG should remain the post nominal letters for dental members who fell into this category.

3f. United Examining Board

The President reported that following discussion at the Clinical Policy Board this matter would be raised with the other Scottish Royal Colleges and if, felt appropriate, approaches would be made to Liverpool University in an attempt to maintain this qualification.

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4. President's Report

4.1 PMETB

The President outlined the content of a meeting between the Presidents of the Surgical Royal Colleges and PMETB with regard to surgical training. The outcome from the meeting was the production of a document entitled, Principles of Surgical Training. This document had been discussed at Senate and was now available on the PMETB and other appropriate websites.

The President informed Council that the first Deanery visit, under the auspices of PMETB, had now taken place and the report was not yet available. Some informal feedback suggested that whilst the areas of Deanery quality control were covered within the visit it was felt that issues relating to individual posts and training places had not been covered. This remained an area for concern and it was clear that a separate process would have to be developed to ensure this continued.

4.2 MMC

The President reported details of information provided by Dr Sarah Thomas, which are yet to be confirmed, in relation to selection from FY2 into Specialty Training. It was noted that applications to be made to Units of Application which would be either a Deanery or a number of Deaneries. Adverts calling for applications, would be placed around November 2006 with a closing date of January the 5th 2007. It was noted that candidates could apply to any two Units of Applications and apply for up to two different specialties. The process would be electronically based and that interviews would be part of the process. It was anticipated that the selection would be completed by the end of April and if required a second round required in May or June.

It was noted that there remained a number of concerns in relation to the selection process and to its effectiveness. The President confirmed that the Department of Health had agreed to fund a project into the development of selection methods.

The President outlined the development of Transition Boards in Scotland of which there will be eight. Those most relevant to this College will be the Medical Board, Chaired by Dr Colin Semple, Surgical Board, Chaired by Evelyn Dykes and Anaesthetic Board, Chaired by Philip Cachia. It was noted that some clarification would be required as to the representation on these Boards and, in particular, nominations from the Royal Colleges.

In response to a question from Professor Connell, the President indicated that a document may be produced to allow individuals to respond to issues but that the MMC website should be regarded as a good source for updated information. It was also noted that a meeting in the Autumn, jointly hosted by the College and the West of Scotland Deanery, would be a useful forum for further discussion.

4.3 Senate

The President presented the outlined details of the finalised Cubie Report, which was discussed at the Senate meeting. A copy of the report is attached to the Minute for information.

Following the presentation it was agreed by Council that the general direction suggested in the report was supported with a number of very practical implementation issues which would need to be addressed nearer the time.

The issue of breast surgery becoming a separate recognised specialty with its own SAC and CCT had been raised at raised at Senate. The case for this development would be discussed once again at the July meeting and any relevant comments should be passed to Vice President (Surgical).

4.4 UK Academy

The President indicated that much of the debate at the Academy related to

the new immigration laws and that Sir Alan Craft was due to take the issue up with the Department of Health. In the meantime, the President had also written to Andy Kerr, Minister for Health at the Scottish Executive, to raise this issue at a Scottish level, recognising the potential significant impact.

The President reported that Dame Carol Black had been appointed as Chairman of the Academy.

5. **Board Reports**

5a. **Management Board**

Dr Miller presented the Minute of the last Management Board and identified that the key areas for discussion were already part of Council's agenda but was happy to take any questions.

5b. **Clinical Policy Board Report**

The President indicated that the inaugural meeting of this Policy Board had gone well. Terms of reference had been agreed and the areas for initial discussion, which had been remitted to the Board from Council, had been reported.

5c. **Education and Professional Development Board**

Dr Semple presented the Minute from the last meeting of the Education and Professional Development Board and highlighted a number of issues.

With regard to the award of CME it was noted that a move towards accrediting providers of events, rather than the event itself, may be a more productive way of assuring the quality of content and presentation. It was noted that the Medical CPD was regulated through the CPD Policy Group which was part of Federation.

5d. **Examination and Assessment Board**

Mr Ferguson reported the detail of the first Examination and Assessment Board meeting, in particular Mr Ferguson welcomed the opportunity to ensure cross fertilisation between the individual examination boards, which would in turn ensure the best practice is achieved in all areas. There had been some concern raised over the reporting structures for the dental examinations, however, this had now been clarified and was accepted.

5e. **Membership Services Board**

Dr Knight presented a summary of discussions at the Shadow Board Meeting and confirmed that the first formal Board Meeting would take place the day after Council. In preparation for this Dr Knight sought advice on establishing closer working relationships with medical societies. After some discussion it was agreed that this would be a very profitable way forward.

6. Intercollegiate Activities

6.1 Report from Senate

This was covered in the President's report.

6.2 Report from MRCP(UK) Management Board

The President reported the main areas of discussion at the recent MRCP(UK) Management Board as being:

- Overseas activity
- Specialty examinations
- Computer based testing
- Competition in the PACES exam
- Review of Central Office

The President indicated that the report presented by Dr John Green, from Imperial College, on Central Office effectiveness had made a number of recommendations. These had been presented to the Presidents and CEOs of the relevant Colleges and work was now under way to oversee a phased implementation of the recommendations.

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Financial Position

Dr Miller presented the financial position of the College, identifying the first cut of the out-turn for 2005/2006 as well as the projected position for 2006/07. It was noted that a copy of slides would be attached to the council minute for information. Following the presentation there were a number of questions and the following decisions were agreed:

1. Subscriptions for 2006/07 should be raised by £30 per annum.
2. An income target would be provided to the Education and Professional Development Board for achievement in 2006/07 and this Board would agree any increases in symposium fees.

The President thanked Dr Miller for the clarity of his report and it was recognised a considerable amount of work needed to take place over the next two years in orders to ensure achievement of financial balance.

8. Items for Noting

- 8.1 The minute of the groups listed were noted. It was also agreed that the Minutes of these sub groups should be made available on the website but should be reported through the relevant Boards to Council rather than being presented at Council meetings.

8.2 Responses to Consultation Documents

These were noted and thanks given to those who had commented and prepared responses.

9. Items for Approval

9.1 Admissions in Absentia

These were agreed.

Fellows qua Physician

Peter John **Galloway**, MB ChB 01/07/1987 Edinburgh
Chi Keung **Kong**, MB ChB 01/07/1986 Hong Kong
Robert Charles **Read**, MB ChB 01/07/1982 Sheffield
Amir Ali **Shah**, MB BS 01/10/1986 Punjab
Robert **Wears**, MB ChB 01/07/1986 Manchester

Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology

Abdul **Waris**, MS (Ophth) 01/07/1994 Aligarh

Member qua Surgeon

Mehmood Ahmed **Wani**, MB BS 03/10/1999 Kashmir

The following were recommended for advancement to Fellowship/Membership

Fellowship qua Physician

*Ian Gareth Reeves, BM 1991 Southampton
Zaigham Abbas, MB BS 1985 Karachi
Paul O'Byrne, MB BCh BAO 1975 Dublin
Isobel Deda Walker, MB ChB 1967 Glasgow
Raouf Tewfik Guindi, MB BCh 1978 Ain Shams

Membership – MRCPS(Glasg)

Yong Chern Lee, MB BS 1997 Monash

*Elevation

10. Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Council meeting should be on Monday 3rd of July with the Guest evening postponed until the September Council meeting.