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## ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Minute of a meeting of Council held in  
the Small Lecture Theatre within College  
on **Tuesday 17 January 2006**

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### **Present:**

Sir G M Teasdale, President	
Dr B O Williams, Visitor	
Mr J C Ferguson, Vice-President (Surgical)	
Dr C G Semple, Vice-President (Medical)	
Dr W M M Jenkins, Vice-President (Dental)	
Dr P V Knight, Honorary Secretary	
Mr I W R Anderson, Honorary Treasurer	
Dr A Bryson	
Dr A Dunk	Mrs A Lannigan
Dr J Long	Mr J R McGregor
Prof J Connell	Dr P R Mills
Dr E Morrison	Dr W Reid
Dr M M Steven	Dr R D Stevenson
Prof R D Sturrock	Mr G T Sunderland
Dr A Zoma	Prof J H McKillop
Mr M Bransby-Zachary	

### **In Attendance:**

Dr E Robertson (Organisation Development Officer) for Dr J A Miller CEO

Before the start of the meeting the VP (Surgical) offered Council's congratulations to the President on his recent honour in the New Years List. This was heartily endorsed by all Council members. The President thanked the VP (Surgical) and offered the view that this was not only his honour but was shared with those that he had worked with over 30 years.

Before moving on to business proper, the President intimated that the Faculty of Public Health had nominated Dr Adam Bryson as their representative on College Council and before we could begin Council needed to ratify that nomination. Council were pleased to do so.

### 1. **Apologies**

Dr J A Miller, Chief Executive, Mr J A Murie and Mr M J McKirdy.

## **2. Minutes of Meeting of Council of 8 November 2005**

The minutes of Council of 8 November 2005 were approved without alteration.

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **3.1 Clinical Committee Structure**

The Honorary Secretary/Registrar gave a presentation on the proposed structure which saw a move away from Surgical and Medical Executives to 3 Boards: Membership Services, Education and Professional Development and Examinations and Assessment. Each of these Boards will have an office bearer lead along with the managerial head of unit. The Honorary Secretary's presentation will be deemed to be part of the minute and is attached. There were several points raised in discussion afterwards. For instance, in the current suggestions the VP (Medical) would look after Education and VP (Surgical) would look after Examinations. It was emphasised that this might not always be the case and it just took account of current interests. It was also emphasised by the Honorary Secretary that to encourage participation in these various groups the administrative resource for their participation would need to be appropriate. The aim was to have people participating because of their clinical and professional rather than administrative expertise. The need to have good relationships with specialist societies was also raised and it was hoped this could be achieved through the VPs and Directors of Education engaging with SAC representatives, national panellists and specialist society officers in some structured way. There was considerable support for the Membership Services Board, and it was noted that the Library and Archive services might have been placed with Education. It was agreed the Library would remain with Membership Services for the time being but would have important cross-linkages. Council also welcomed the proposal to co-opt the Convenor of the Trainee Committee onto Council.

1. Council agreed that the structure presented met the clinical requirements for Council and should be progressed.
2. Council agreed to the co-option onto Council of the Trainee Convenor (or their nominated deputy) plus the new Directors of Education in Medicine and Surgery with the Dental Director being co-opted onto Dental Council.
3. Council empowered the office bearers to further progress the structure with the creation of transition groups to oversee the recruitment of relevant clinical people onto the various Boards.
4. The operation of the new clinical arrangements would be reviewed by Council in the Autumn.

### **3.2 Relationships between Scottish Royal Colleges**

At the last Council meeting Council had asked the President to initiate discussions with his counterparts in Edinburgh with regards to closer relationships between the colleges in Scotland. This has been taken forward and further discussions are likely.

### **3.3 Videostreaming**

The Director of Education intimated that a business case would be produced to allow Council to see what the cost of this would be, although he intimated that it was technically possible for us to do this.

## **4. Notes of College Executive Meeting of 24 November and 13 December 2005**

These were received.

## 5. **President's Report**

The following items were mentioned.

- i) **MMC**  
MMC would be discussed in some detail at the post Council symposium.
  
- ii) **PMETB**
  - a) Admissions under Article 14 are extremely slow in progressing and it is becoming obvious that candidates are finding the need for written evidence difficult.
  
  - b) There have been several consultations over the Christmas and New Year period one of which was on the criteria for entry into specialist training. There has been acceptance that previous experience might not be essential for admission but could be taken into account.
  
  - c) Quality assurance and quality control – Colleges have put forward the view very strongly that face to face interviews with trainees are important.
  
  - d) Fees – Council members will have noted that the proposed fees for CCT have almost tripled and in College's response we have questioned the basis for the structure, reasoning and logic behind them.
  
- iii) **MRCP**  
The financial arrangements around MRCP surplus are undergoing investigation so that forward business planning can be accurate.
  
- iv) **Surgical Log Books**  
It will have been noted that there have been some difficulties around surgical log books and the curriculum project recently. This will require further discussion at the upcoming Senate meeting.

## 6. **Items for Discussion**

### 6.1 **Outstanding Business from Annual Meeting**

- a) Future Meetings and b) Regulations

The Honorary Secretary alluded to the fact that it was likely that, although College had approved the necessity for only one meeting of College, that being the AGM, it was likely that over the next year we would have at least one EGM to look at the Regulations and possibly to report our financial statement to College. The next Council meeting will have as its theme a discussion with experts on the new charities legislation.

### 6.2 **Fees**

Deferred to next meeting. However, there was some discussion about the need to increase the membership fee to our international Fellows from the current £20 to something more realistic.

## 7. Items for noting

### 7.1 Minutes of Council Committees

- a) Trainees Committee, 31 August 2005
- b) Scholarship Committee, 10 November 2005
- c) Ethicon Foundation Travelling Fellowship Fund Committee, 21 November 2005
- d) Dental Council, 1 December 2005
- e) Symposium Committee, 6 December 2005
- f) Education Management Group, 7 December 2005

These were noted. The Director of Professional Services asked Council to note that the joint scholarships with the Edinburgh College under the Ian Sunter Trust was progressing.

### 7.2 Forthcoming Events

House Dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 and Admissions Ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006.

### 7.3 Responses to Consultation Documents

Requesting Organisation	Name and Reference Number of Document	Nominees Suggested to Comment	Reply sent to Organisation
Scottish Executive	Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 Improving with Experience	Dr G Macphee	07.11.05
NHS	Cancer Generic Data Standards Consultation	Dr D Dunlop Prof A Rodger	15.11.05
NHS	Back on Track: consultation and framework document	Dr B O Williams	02.12.05
MHRA	Proposals for amendments to the range of medicines which can be sold, supplied or administered by podiatrists	Dr P V Knight	09.11.05
Scottish Executive	Consultation On The Draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order	Dr P V Knight	01.12.05
GMC	Review of prescribing guidance	Dr P V Knight	09.01.06

### 7.4 Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine nomination

Council approved Faculty nomination of Dr Kenneth Paterson and looked forward to welcoming him back to Council.

## 8. Items for Approval

## 8.1 Admissions in Absentia

### **Fellows qua Physician**

**Akil**, Mohammed, MD 1986 Damascus

**Chan**, Wai Man Johnny, MB BS 1990 Hong Kong

**Haque**, Md Amirul, MB BS 1982 Dhaka

**Houghton**, Andrew Robert, BM BCh 1991, Oxford

**Johnson**, Martin Keith, MB ChB 1993 Leeds

**Lok**, Chi Lai, MB ChB 1988 Hong Kong

**Mohan**, Viswanathan, MD 1981 Madras

**Raja Gopal**, Paramu, MB BS 1968 Kerala

**Sitoh**, Yih Yiow, MB BS 1991 Singapore

**Wong**, Chi Keung, MB BS 1986 Hong Kong

**Wong**, Wai Ming, MB ChB 1990 Hong Kong

### **Membership**

**Cahill**, Aidan Paul, MB 1991 Ireland, MRCP(UK) 1995

## 8.2 Faculty of Public Health changes to standing orders

## 8.3 Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine changes to standing orders

The Honorary Secretary reported to Council that he had received changes to standing orders of the Faculty of Public Health and Pharmaceutical Medicine and he felt these presented no difficulty to College.

## 8.4 Specialty Advisory Board for Professions Allied to Surgery

Mr Sunderland reported on the satisfactory progress with the Specialty Advisory Board for Professions Allied to Surgery.

## 8.5 List of nominees from Fellowship Committee

A list of nominations from the Fellowship Committee was received and approved.

## 9. **Any Other Competent Business**

It was concluded that there would be a need to run the Basic Surgical Training Course over 2006/2007 as before.

## 10. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006 at **4.10pm**