



## **CONFIRMED**

Minute of a meeting of Council held in the Small Lecture Theatre within College on **Tuesday 21 March 2006.**

### **Present**

Professor Sir Graham Teasdale, President  
 Dr C G Semple, Vice President (Medical)  
 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  
 Dr A Dunk  
 Mr A D Henry  
 Dr J Long  
 Mr J R McGregor  
 Professor J McKillop  
 Mr M J McKirdy  
 Dr K R Paterson  
 Dr W Reid  
 Professor R D Sturrock  
 Mr G T Sunderland

### **In attendance**

Dr J A Miller, Chief Executive  
 Ms C M Roulston

### **ACTION**

Before the meeting commenced, the President welcomed Mr Andrew Henry to his first Council meeting and welcomed back Dr Ken Paterson.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr J C Ferguson (Vice President-Surgical), Dr B O Williams (Visitor), Mrs A Lannigan, Mr C G Morran, Mr J A Murie, Dr M M Steven, Dr R D Stevenson and Dr A Zoma.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council of 17 January 2006**

The following alterations were made to the Minute of Council of 17 January 2006:

Mr M Bransby-Zachary was present and Mr M McKirdy had sent his apologies.

Following this, the Minute was confirmed.

Dr Knight requested the view of Council regarding an unconfirmed Minute being placed on the website. After discussion, it was agreed that the Minute would be circulated, with a week for changes to be received, after which the Minute would be made available on the website with final confirmation being sought at the next meeting of council.

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

### ***(i) Fees***

Mr Anderson reported that the accounting year closes at the end of March. This has been an abbreviated financial year. Council was informed that the financial year to the end of March 2006 would return an in-year deficit. A number of areas were identified as contributing to this position:

- MRCP costs had not been appropriately accounted for in 2004/2005.

Mr Anderson proceeded to explain that the MRCP will cost more money than initially thought (£250,000). Details will be circulated in due course.

- Increases in staff salaries and other running costs
- Reduced subscription income due to the change in the end of the financial year resulting in two months less receipts

Mr Anderson indicated that the main aim for the forthcoming years was to reduce the dependence on investment income to fund college activities.

In responding to a concern, Mr Anderson indicated this did not mean a moratorium on

spending where required in order to ensure the ongoing development of the College. However, it did mean that achieving value for money was essential.

**(ii) Clinical input**

Dr Knight provided an update on the implementation of the clinical committee structure.

**(ii) Financial governance (Document B)**

Councillors received a Paper from Dr Miller on the establishment of a Financial Audit and Remuneration Committee. The content of the paper was discussed at length and in recognising the need for such a line of accountability the following changes were agreed:-

**Membership:**

3 Ordinary Councillors – one of whom would chair the Committee

1 Lay Member

**Role and Remit:**

Bullet point 3 to be re-worded to ensure that the committee ensures the correct implementation of policy rather than making decisions on individual staff salaries.

With these amendments, the proposal was approved for implementation by Dr Miller.

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**4. President's Report**

**PMETB:**

**Fees**

- Following responses to PMETB's consultation on Fees the proposal before Parliament is that fees will be £500 until March 2007 and thereafter £750.

**Quality Assurance Visits**

- President provided an update on the implementation of the Quality assurance visits proposed by PMETB. These would in essence be deanery based and it was clear that not all specialities in all areas would be 'visited' within a 5-year cycle.
- Some concern has been raised over the nature of these visits and whilst it has been acknowledged that the visits will be different from the current style, there may be gaps which prevent problems being picked up within training programmes.
- These would be, in part, identified through other systems and where appropriate trigger visits could be initiated.
- President outlined proposals for the development of specialty schools for all Scotland under the stewardship of NES.

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#### Article 14

- Applications have been lower than anticipated. The number flowing from PMETB to relevant review bodies has been very slow which is introducing a delay in the process.
- Many initial applications have been incomplete.
- Only a small number have now been fully assessed and resulted in applicants being placed on the specialist register.

#### **Post CCT Training**

Dr Mike Watson from NES has produced a discussion paper, outlining how post-CCT training could be taken forward. This is currently out for consultation.

#### **Working Time Directive**

The President outlined a challenge being mounted to the European Working Time Directive by UEMS through the European Parliament. If accepted the proposal would allow for 48 hours per week to be ring fenced for clinical activity and 12 hours per week for training and education.

#### **MMC**

President reported that some issues relating to MMC were becoming clearer. There are a number of concerns raised over the selection processes including, the timing of selection into specialist training, the method of selection and criteria for selection. Following discussion it was agreed that the system adopted should be as transparent as possible and that selection should not depend entirely on an electronic method. There was some concern that a different selection process for GPs was being suggested and that this should be avoided.

The issue of implementation was discussed and it was noted that two methods had been discussed – incremental or 'big bang'. President suggested that the method employed by some organisations such as the armed and police forces and universities may be a compromise whereby selection is undertaken and then individuals appointed to posts as they became available.

The College statement arising out of the discussions at the last meeting of council was confirmed and will be sent to key people.

**President**

## **5. Management Board Report**

Dr Miller reported from the first Management Board. Council was directed to the Management Board Minutes (Document C). The following areas were highlighted.

### **Role & Remit**

It was agreed that the Visitor or Senior Vice President should chair the meeting if the President was not available.

### **Progress Reports from Operational Units**

#### *5.1 Examination & Assessment*

In 2005, there has been a 25% increase in the number of examination candidates. Approval has also been given for investment in staff recruitment.

#### *5.2 Education and Professional Development*

Dr Semple informed Council that the College now has Clinical Directors of Dental Education/CPD; Medical Education/CPD and Surgical Education/CPD.

These individuals are as follows:

- Chris Allan – Dental
- Hazel Scott – Medicine
- Graham Sunderland – Surgery

The first meeting of the E&PD Board will take place on Friday 24.3.06. This will be reported at the next Council meeting.

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#### *5.3 Membership and Support Services*

This should be entitled "Membership Services Board".

There is a full board meeting in May that will offer a fuller discussion.

#### *5.4 Chief Executive's Office*

It was reported that Profile Concept database is not being fully utilised. A review is currently underway in order to match the current functionality against the original specification. A project plan has been developed which will result in the roll out of the system across the College.

The Visitor and Dr Miller are looking into accommodation requirements. At present the accommodation is not being utilised to its fullest advantage.

There are proposals for re-designation of rooms, which will be presented, to the

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Management Board.

Dr Miller has been asked to chair a joint planning group with NES/NHS Greater Glasgow and Glasgow University to explore possibility of the development of an examination, skills and education centre along with the new building at the Southern General Campus.

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## **6. Intercollegiate activity**

### ***(a) Senate – Cubie Report and Responses (Paper E)***

Councillors received a paper from the Chief Executive on the Review of Senate in the form of Dr Andrew Cubie's interim findings and the College's response. The interim report was welcomed and the College's response was endorsed.

### ***(b) Scottish Royal Colleges***

#### **Areas for consideration**

The areas for consideration between the Scottish Royal Colleges were noted and some further work streams involving data collection were remitted to the Chief Executives to take forward.

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#### **Joint Meetings**

Joint meetings have been proposed between the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) and Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) Councils. Chief Executive is liaising with each to agree dates and agenda.

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### ***(c) Federation***

#### **Specialty Exams**

The President provided background information with regard to the development of specialty examinations and the proposals presented at the last Federation meeting.

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Members received a paper from the Chief Executive detailing the main issues.

Councillors agreed the principle of the development of specialty examinations and asked that the relevant representatives take this issue forward and bring back specific proposal with appropriate investment requirements.

President  
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#### **MRCP (UK) Part 1**

A proposal had been received from central office to increase the number of part 1 diets from 3 to 4. The fine details are currently being explored with exam departments. There was not a clear consensus about the merits of allowing FY2 doctors early access to the examination.

### MRCP(UK) PACES

There is a desire to have a list of examiners from all Colleges held in a central office. Under the Data Protection Act this can be provided but should not be published without individual consent.

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### **(d) Scottish Academy**

A "Remote and Rural Medicine Steering Group" has been set up. A number of sub groups have been developed, each with a specific piece of work to be taken forward.

President has been asked to chair a work stream relating to training and a project manager is to be appointed who will be based within RCPSG and will report to Dr Semple as a NES representative and to President as chairman of the sub group.

President  
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## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7.1 Honorary Fellowship**

- ◆ Lord Provost Elizabeth Cameron
- ◆ Neil Douglas *ad eundem*
- ◆ Francis McCrossin – Fellowship of College

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Formal approval was given to all with the relevant paperwork being lodged with the Honorary Secretary.

### **7.2 Streamlining Admissions Process**

Councillors received a paper on the streamlining to the admission process. Following some discussion, the proposed changes were accepted.

### **7.3 Post-nominal letters for Dentists elected under Chapter II para 7 of the Regulations**

After discussion, this request was referred to the Clinical Policy Board for decision.

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## **8. Items for Noting**

### **8.1 Minutes of Council Committees**

- a. Professional Services Committee, 28 November 2005

- b. Trainees' Committee, 7 December 2005
- c. Geriatric Advisory Committee, 13 December 2005
- d. Dental Council, 2 February 2006
- e. Lachlan McNeill Scholarship in Ophthalmology, 7 February 2006
- f. Scholarship Committee, 16 February 2006
- g. Extraordinary Meeting of College held in Dubai, 18 February 2006
- h. Fellowship Committee, 21 February 2006

These were noted.

Two items from Dental Council were raised:

**(3.12)** It was proposed that the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (FGDP) should be invited to send an observer to meetings of Dental Council. The Vice-President (Dental) already has observer status at Council meetings of the FGDP. This request was accepted.

**VP-  
Dental**

**(16.3)** The National Dental Advisory Committee, Clinical Effectiveness Programme is a national initiative supported by the Scottish Executive and NES. It is the dental equivalent of SIGN and is about to produce a series of evidence-based guidelines. Its Chairman, Professor Jeremy Bagg, has enquired whether the College would be willing to have a statement on the inside cover, effectively endorsing the programme. The issue of liability/indemnity was raised and after discussion this was referred to the Clinical Policy Board.

**VP-  
Dental**

## **8.2 Forthcoming Events**

Admissions Ceremony to be held on 22 March 2006.

Inverness Symposium to be held on 26 May 2006.

## **9. Reports Received**

Council received the report of a meeting on the United Examining Board on 15.2.06, and the communication that support for the course at St George's Hospital had been withdrawn. Professor McKillop reported that any interest in Scottish medical schools becoming involved would depend upon provision of funding by the Executive. This item was referred to the Clinical Policy Board for further discussion.

## **10. Items for Approval**

### **10.1 *Admissions in Absentia***

23 candidates were examined and found satisfactory.

Approval was given.

**Fellows qua Physician**

Javed **Iqbal**, MB BS 01/11/1995, Punjab

**Fellow qua Surgeon**

Ravinder Kumar **Manocha**, MB BS 01/07/1979, Guru Nanak

**Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology**

Tamer Nabil Amin **EI-Zoheiry**, MB ChB 01/10/1994, Alexandria

Yu Lung **Leung**, MB ChB 01/12/1996, Chinese University

Yasser Ali Hamed **Moustafa**, MB ChB 01//11/1991, Tanta

**Member qua Surgeon**

Jennifer Henderson **Darrien**, MB ChB 01/07/2003, Glasgow

Najmul **Huq**, MB ChB 01/07/2000, Manchester

Magdalena Viorica **Kincaid**, MB ChB 10/07/1998, Dundee

Wai Kit **Lam**, MB BS 15/16/2002, St Bartholomew's

Hemant **Sharma**, MB BS 30/06/1995, Rajasthan

Wai Weng **Yoon**, MBBS June 2000, London

**Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

Majda Said Mohammed **Al-Sulaimani**, BDS 22/06/2000, University College Cork

Kimar Varma **Dalta**, BDS 3/2000, MGR University, Chennai

Zahid **Imran**, BDS 01/09/2001, Kashmir

Dinoop Shandar **Radhakrishnan**, BDS 01/12/1996, Manipal

S **Sabitha**, BDS 28/03/2001, Tamilnadu, MGR

**Intercollegiate Member in Orthodontics**

Alex **Rengit**, BDS 01/02/1994, Kerala

**Member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (MRCPSGlasg)**

Thomas **Darton**, BM BS 01/07/2002, Nottingham

Chi Lok Stephen **Kwok**, MB BS 01/07/1997, Hong Kong

Kam Hung **Ma**, MB BS 01/07/1995, Hong Kong

Colin Louis **McCarthy**, MB ChB 01/12/1996, Stellenbosch

Harikrishnan Sreekrishnanilayam Viswambharan **Nair**, MB BS 05/07/1995, Mahatma Gandhi, Kerala

Aamir **Shaukat**, MBBS July 1994, Pakistan

### **10.2 Nominations for Fellowship Sub-Committee**

A list of eight nominations from the Fellowship Sub-committee was received and approved.

#### **Fellowship qua Physician**

Aidan Cahill, MB BAO ChB, 1991, Cork

Pramod Jauhar, MB BS, 1973, Poona

Colin G Perry, MB ChB, 1991, Glasgow

Naveed Amjid Sattiar, MB ChB, 1990, Glasgow

David George Spence, MB ChB, 1983, Glasgow

Kalathil Kunnummal Sureshkumar, MB BS, 1990, Kerala

#### **Fellowship qua Surgeon**

Gillian Mary Bryce, MB ChB, 1980, Glasgow

#### **Membership – MRCPS (Glasg)**

Christon Dimopoulos, Ptychion Iatrikes, 1996

### **11. Charities Legislation Trustees Responsibilities Symposium**

A presentation from Mrs Helen Stirling and Mr Jock Brown, Bishops' Solicitors, was given to Council. Copies of the slides are attached to the minute. It was noted that the implications of the new legislation would be likely to begin to affect College in the spring of 2007. In the interim, the details of the consequences should be established and appropriate responses implemented. This may include training for councillors in the role of trustees, perhaps as a joint venture with the Edinburgh Colleges.

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### **12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 at 4.10 p.m.