



## CONFIRMED

### Minute of Meeting of College Council Held on Tuesday 13 March 2007, 4.10pm, within College

#### ***Present***

Dr B O Williams, President  
 Dr P V Knight, Registrar  
 Dr C G Semple, Vice-President (Medical)  
 Dr J Taylor, Honorary Secretary  
 Mr M Bransby-Zachary  
 Dr A Dunk  
 Mr A D Henry  
 Dr W M M Jenkins  
 Mrs A Lannigan  
 Mr J R McGregor  
 Professor J McKillop  
 Mr M J McKirdy  
 Dr W Reid  
 Dr H Scott  
 Mr J Steers  
 Dr R D Stevenson  
 Professor R D Sturrock  
 Mr G T Sunderland  
 Dr M Taylor  
 Dr E Walker  
 Mr J Watson

#### **In attendance**

Dr J Miller, Chief Executive  
 Mrs C Capps

#### **1. Apologies and Welcome**

Apologies were received from:  
 Mr I Anderson, Professor J Connell, Mr J Drury, Mr D Galloway,  
 Dr J Long, Professor S MacRury, Dr L McAlpine, Dr J McCaul,  
 Dr E Morrison, Dr K Paterson.

President welcomed Mr James Steers, President of the Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations.

#### **2. Minute of Meeting of Council on 23 January 2007**

This was approved as an accurate record.

#### **Action**

### 3. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**

#### (a) **Review of Senate**

President updated Council on the Senate Review and intimated that he had been elected as Chair of Senate, the term of office being one year.

President also indicated that an agreement had been reached with regard to the introduction of the ESSQ and the potential impact on the MRCS.

#### (b) **Distinction Awards**

President reported that evidence had been presented to the DoH but at the time of writing there was nothing further to report.

#### (c) **Working with Sponsors**

President reported that the proposals from the Academy, discussed at the previous council meeting had been agreed.

The following issues were also noted:

1. Review of RCPSG Principles of working with sponsors – Some amendments were made to bring the College in line with the Academy and these will be presented to Management Board.
2. Sponsorship packages within College – this has been done in draft form and advice has been sought from relevant parties. This policy will be presented to Management Board and then Council.

#### (d) **Bylaws and Regulations**

Dr Knight updated Council on the proposed changes to College Bylaws and Regulations.

#### **General changes**

All grammatical / typographical errors and omissions were now corrected.

#### *Honorary Fellowships*

There would be three grades of Honorary Fellowship:

- Highest Honorary Award ~ Honorary Fellow (summa cum laude)
- Honorary Fellowship ~ Fellow (honoris causa)
- Equivalent Fellowship ~ Fellow (ad eundem)

Travel Medicine

The question of whether the Faculty of Travel Medicine should have an equivalent ad eundem was discussed. It was agreed to review this after 12 months.

President Elect

It was discussed whether the title should be changed from "Visitor" to "President Elect". It was agreed the title "Visitor" remain.

Term of Office

The term of office for office bearers is three years

Annual Re-election

The notion of annual re-election for president was discussed. It was agreed that the President should be appointed for a period of three years. The provision to call the President to account within his / her term of office remained.

MRCPSG

This post-nominal would be available to all specialties.

British Isles

This has been changed to United Kingdom to prevent any misunderstanding of definitions.

EGM

Two motions for the EGM due to take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May following a meeting of Council were proposed:

1. To accept the proposed changes suggested by Council
2. To agree the implementation of the revised election periods

Action:

**Re-issue revised provisions**

**Make changes available on website**

**Publicise the details of the EGM**

**(e) E-resources**

Dr Miller updated Council following a meeting to discuss the E-resource requirement within College. The first stage of the process involved a review of the facilities available within other Medical Royal Colleges as well as other membership organisations. It was noted that the type and availability of e-resources readily available varied considerably.

Dr Miller reported that following discussion it was agreed that an E resource manager post should be considered actively by College. A job description and person specification were being drawn up. Concern had been raised that obtaining an individual who would fit the needs of College may be difficult and that alternative methods of obtaining the skills and expertise required would also be explored.

Dr Miller indicated that a key requirement would be to ensure that additional functionality was compatible with the current database. To this end, ongoing discussion with the only other user of Profile Concept within Scotland was underway.

**4. Any other competent business**

No areas of further competent business had been intimated.

**5. Items for discussion**

**(a) White Paper**

Council was directed to Document B (a response to the White Paper) based on College's submission during the consultation. The 'shaded area' represents the commentary on what the White Paper said.

Dr Knight highlighted the following points:

1. Revalidation (Page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> shaded paragraph )
2. How College could help Fellows and Members

President reminded Council that within the White Paper the Academy of medical Royal Colleges had been given a specific role in taking this forward. This was recognised as being a co-ordinating role and that individual Colleges would be expected to provide resources to members and fellows to allow them to demonstrate the appropriate skills and knowledge required of recertification.

Mr Steers reported that the FSSA had also debated this matter and discussion had taken place with the RCSEng about how the balance of standard setting would be achieved. It was hoped that the standard setting would be a UK wide procedure.

**(b) Medical Training Application Service (MTAS)**

President reported on major concerns being expressed from fellows and members within College regarding issues over the MTAS situation and also intimated that major discussions involving all key stakeholders were now taking place.

President highlighted that all Royal Colleges had received direct criticism for allegedly allowing this to happen. It was emphasised that what had not been reported was that all Royal Colleges, individually and collectively, had, over the years, expressed concern to the DoH and MMC, which had been ignored.

Dr Knight reported that he had deputised at a meeting of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges where the following issues were discussed:

- Scoring system
- Inconsistencies between deaneries
- Long-listing” not being done
- Application forms being late

Council debated the MTAS situation at great length and various options were discussed in an attempt to seek a way forward.

**Agreed:**

- 1. College to issue a statement to fellows and members**
- 2. College would wish the review process to be fair to rounds (1) and (2) of applicants**
- 3. Updates regarding MTAS be made available on College website**

**(c) Royal Patron**

President reminded Council that College no longer has a Royal patron. It was agreed that this matter would be pursued and feedback will be presented to Council in due course.

**6. Board Reports**

**(a) Examinations & Assessment**

Nothing to report.

**(b) Education & Professional Development**

Dr Semple reported that it had been a good year for the E&PD Unit, with income increasing in this period.

Dr Semple & Mr Sunderland expressed concerns regarding the potential financial expectations of the unit for the forthcoming year.

Dr Miller reminded Council that the over reliance on income from examinations was a major risk to College and that the policy of diversifying income sources had been agreed. The Education and Professional Development Board had previously been given an income target and the plan would be to continue with this strategy for 2007/08. The target had not been set as yet but would be discussed in light of other income sources. It was recognised that some difficult choices would be required in order to achieve all College's financial aspirations.

**(c) Membership Services**

Dr Taylor updated Council regarding work within Membership Services:

- Package for Members and Fellows had now been finalised
- Marketing Plan had been drawn up and would be available in May
- Membership Area in the Library was now functional
- Charity event ~ fundraising ball organised for 30.11.07. The venue will be the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. The aim of this event is to raise funds for developing work within Malawi.
- Early indication of the number of lapsed members and fellows in the current year.

Following some discussion during which it was noted that the analysis of the database was on going it was agreed that a full report would be provided at the next council meeting.

**(d) Dental Council**

Dr Jenkins directed Council to the Minute of the Dental Council of 8.2.07, section 14.2, "*Updated Guidance on Advisory Appointments Committees*". This referred to a Scottish Health Department letter withdrawing the requirement for participation of National Panellists in specialty training appointment processes. He had written to the department pointing out that, in contrast to medicine, dentistry would not have run-through training or nationally agreed structured interviews and there was a strong case for retaining National Panellists for dental specialty training appointments. At the time of reporting, no response had been received from the Department.

President acknowledged that he would take this view from Council.

**(e) Faculty of Travel Medicine**

Dr Walker reported that there are now three functioning business units within the Faculty of Travel Medicine:

1. Examinations and Assessment
2. Education and Professional Development
3. Membership Services

Eligibility for the entrance exam would be reported in due course.

The Travel Medicine Symposium will take place in October and the date will be confirmed in due course. Such a symposium was welcomed by the President.

**(f) Management Board**

Dr Miller referred to previously circulated minutes and asked for any questions relating to the issues. None were forthcoming.

**7. Items for Information**

- (a) (i) Draft Academy Minutes, 24.1.07**  
Noted.
- (ii) Actions arising from the Academy Minute, 24.1.07**  
Noted.
- (iii) Executive Summary of the Meeting of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, 24.1.07**  
Noted.
- (b) (i) Minute of Scholarship Committee, 18.1.07**  
Noted.
- (ii) Minute of the Lachlan McNeill Scholarship in Ophthalmology Committee, 20.2.07**  
Noted.

**8. Items for Approval**

(a) **Admissions in Absentia**

The following were approved:

**Fellow qua Physician**

Shelagh Brown **Coutts**, MB ChB 01/07/1997 Edinburgh 24735  
David **Dingli**, MD 17/10/1992 Malta 45806  
Tat-Chi Godwin **Leung**, MB BS 01/07/1983 Hong Kong 45659  
Lawrence Pui Ki **Li**, MB BS 01/07/1983 Hong Kong 45658  
Ammar Fayez Hussein **Mubaidin**, MB BS 01/07/1985 Jordan 45660  
Sivasankara Pillai **Radhakrishnan**, MB BS 01/06/1974 Kerala 46041

**Fellow qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology**

Maneesh Manohar **Bapaye**, MB BS 30/03/2000 Manipal 43680  
Shantanu **Gudsoorkar**, MB BS 12/12/1998 Andhra Pradesh 27863

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Malalabanadarage Rangika Hasantha Peiris **Gunaratne**,  
MB BS 2000 Colombo 44163

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Mustansir **Siddique**, MB BS 01/11/1998 Punjab 43171

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**Fellow of the Faculty of Travel Medicine**

Lucille Hellen **Blumberg**, MB BCh 01/12/1974 Witwatersrand 43783

**Member qua Surgeon**

Imthiaz **Ahamed**, MB BS 02/03/2001 Bangalore, India 44000  
Hind Mabkhout **Al-Ameri Hind**, MB ChB 20/06/2002 Dubai Med  
Coll.39098  
Hinesh Devendra **Bhatt**, MB BS 01/10/1998 Mumbai 42220  
Andrew **Christie**, MB ChB 01/08/2001 Glasgow 37770  
Caroline Louise **Edmond**, MB ChB 01/07/2003 Edinburgh 43984  
Owen James Charnock **Greene**, MB ChB 2004  
St Andrews Manchester 40567  
Gaurav **Jindal**, MB BS 11/03/2000 Banaras Hindu 42475  
Ahmed Muhsin Hussein **Latif**, MB BChir 15/02/2001 Cambridge 44080  
Musheer **Shafqat**, MB BS 31/12/1999 Peshawar 40471

**Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

Mohammed Saud Mohammed **Al Harthy**,  
BDS 01/06/1994 Cairo 39833  
Arwa Zuhair **Al-Khaburi**, BDS 08/07/1999 Bristol 39884  
39884  
Samrat **Dasgupta**, BDS 15/01/2001 Calcutta 39884  
40943  
Asha Kumari Babu Rao **Katkar**, BDS 07/03/2000 Bangalore 33456

33456

Margarita **Stevenson**, BDS 08/07/2003 Sheffield 42464

(b) **Honorary Fellowships:**  
***Professor Pamela Gillies***  
Approved.

***Dr Jay Grosfeld***  
Debated and approved.

9. **Dates of Next Meeting**  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2007, followed by EGM at 6.45pm  
31 July 2007  
25 September 2007 (Council Guest Night)  
27 November 2007

