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## NOTICES

## Calendar

- 12 December, *Friday*. Congregation of the Regent House at 2 p.m.  
 17 December, *Wednesday*. Last ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in Michaelmas Term.  
 19 December, *Friday*. Michaelmas Term ends.  
 25 December, *Thursday*. Christmas Day. Scarlet Day.

## Election to the Board of Scrutiny

5 December 2025

The Vice-Chancellor announces that the following person has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Scrutiny with immediate effect until 30 September 2029:

Class (c)(ii) (a member of the Regent House): Dr FRANCESCA PATRICIA LOUISE MOORE

Details of the poll and the transfer of votes under the Single Transferable Vote regulations (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 121) are as follows:

Number of valid votes cast: 1,350 (no invalid votes) (Quota: 675)

	<i>First count</i>	<i>Transfer of Dr Wood's votes</i>	<i>Second count</i>	<i>Result</i>
Dr FRANCESCA PATRICIA LOUISE MOORE, <i>HO</i>	628	+92	720	ELECTED
Professor MICHAEL THOMAS ROBERTS	540	+49	589	
Dr CONNOR PURCELL WOOD, <i>CL</i>	182	-182	–	
<i>Non-transferable</i>		41	41	
Total	1,350		1,350	

## University Composition Fees

4 December 2025

In the following Notice, the Council proposes amendments to the fees for certain categories of students as set out in the Schedule below, for approval by Grace in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Ordinance for University Composition Fees (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 156, as amended by Grace 1 of 5 November 2025).

## A. Home undergraduate regulated fees in 2026–27

*Home undergraduate and P.G.C.E. students subject to the regulated maximum fee*

1. In November 2025, the government announced the changes for the maximum tuition fees for students subject to the regulated fee for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 academic years.<sup>1</sup> These fees will be increased by 2.71% and then by 2.68% respectively for students starting or continuing their courses and thus are set at the level of £9,790 in 2026–27 and £10,050 in 2027–28.

2. The Council therefore proposes that Home students admitted on or after 1 September 2017 will be liable for a fee of £9,790 in 2026–27 and £10,050 in 2027–28, as specified in Table 1 in the Schedule.

3. Fees for Home students studying for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (P.G.C.E.) are also regulated by the government and are specified in Table 2.

## B. Home equivalent and lower qualification (ELQ) exemptions

*Fees for ELQ exempt students in 2026–27*

4. Students aiming for equivalent or lower qualification (ELQ) on courses in Medical or Veterinary Sciences leading to the B.A. Degree, as defined in the Regulations, to the M.B. or B.Chir. Degrees, the Vet.M.B. Degree, on courses in Architecture, or the Postgraduate Certificate in Education, are exempt from the ELQ policy and pay the regulated fees set out in Tables 1 and 2.

5. The introduction of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement (LLE) in 2027–28 will remove the equal or lower qualification (ELQ) restriction altogether, so no ELQ fee rates or exceptions from them will need to be set from that academic year onwards.

The Council is accordingly submitting Graces to the Regent House for the approval of the fees for 2026–27 and 2027–28 respectively as set out in the Schedule attached to this Notice. These Graces are being submitted for approval at a Congregation on 12 December (Graces 1 and 2 to be submitted on 12 December, p. 152), so that the fees for both years can be confirmed in offer letters to undergraduate applicants.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuition-fees-and-student-support-2026-to-2027-academic-year/changes-to-tuition-fees-2026-to-2027-academic-year-and-2027-to-2028-academic-year>.

<sup>2</sup> See *Reporter*, 6802, 2025–26, p. 101.

## SCHEDULE

*Home undergraduate and P.G.C.E. fees in 2026–27 and 2027–28 for students subject to the regulated fee.*

TABLE 1

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Annual fee (£)</i>			
	<b>Home</b>			
	<b>2026–27</b>		<b>2027–28</b>	
	<b>Students who commenced on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 September 2017</b>	<b>Students who commenced after 1 September 2017<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Students who commenced on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 September 2017</b>	<b>Students who commenced after 1 September 2017<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>B.A. Degree:</b> <i>Courses leading to Tripos, Preliminary or Ordinary Examinations in</i>				
Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Archaeology	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Architecture	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Classics	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Computer Science	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Design		9,790		10,050
Economics	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Education	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Engineering	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
English	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Geography	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
History	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
History and Modern Languages	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
History and Politics	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
History of Art	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Human, Social and Political Sciences	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Land Economy <sup>2</sup>	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Law	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Linguistics	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Linguistics and Modern Languages				10,050
Management Studies	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Manufacturing Engineering	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Mathematics	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Medical Sciences	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Modern and Medieval Languages	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Music	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Natural Sciences	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Philosophy	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Psychological and Behavioural Sciences	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
Veterinary Sciences	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050

<sup>1</sup> Fees are liable to change annually.

<sup>2</sup> The Land Economy Tripos is retitled the Environment, Law, and Economics Tripos from 1 October 2027.

Table 1 continued

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Annual fee (£)</i>			
	<b>Home</b>			
	<b>2026–27</b>		<b>2027–28</b>	
	<b>Students who commenced on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 September 2017</b>	<b>Students who commenced after 1 September 2017<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Students who commenced on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 September 2017</b>	<b>Students who commenced after 1 September 2017<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Year Abroad<sup>3</sup></b>	1,350	15% of the full-time regulated fee applicable in the year that the year abroad is taken	1,350	15% of the full-time regulated fee applicable in the year that the year abroad is taken
<b>B.Th. Degree</b>	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
<b>Medical and Veterinary Degrees:</b> M.B., B.Chir. Degrees, Vet.M.B. Degree	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050
<b>M.Eng., M.Des., M.Math. and M.Sci. Degrees</b>	9,000	9,790	9,000	10,050

TABLE 2

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Annual fee (£)</i>	
	<b>Home</b>	
	<b>2026–27</b>	<b>2027–28</b>
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Education (P.G.C.E.)</b>	9,790	10,050

<sup>1</sup> Fees are liable to change annually.

<sup>3</sup> The Year Abroad fee applies to students undertaking a full-year course of study abroad or working away (see Regulation 23 for the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Regulation 24 for the Engineering Tripos, Regulation 19 for the History and Modern Languages Tripos, Regulation 8 for the Law Tripos, Regulation 19 for the Linguistics and Modern Languages Tripos from 1 October 2027, and Regulation 28 for the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos).

## VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### Elections, appointments and grants of title

The following elections, appointments and grants of title have been made:

#### ELECTIONS

Professor JOAN ELIZABETH DONOGHUE, B.A., *University of California, Santa Cruz*, J.D., *University of California, Berkeley*, elected Arthur Goodhart Visiting Professor in Legal Science (1971), from 1 October 2025 until 30 September 2026, assigned to the Faculty of Law.

Professor SERA BRODIE MARKOFF, M.A., Ph.D., *University of Arizona*, Professor of Theoretical High-Energy Astrophysics, University of Amsterdam, elected Plumian Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2026.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Professor (Grade 11)**

*Pathology.* Professor Christina Elisabeth Zielinski, Ph.D., *Heidelberg*, appointed from 1 November 2025 until the retiring age.

**University Associate Professors (Grade 10)**

*Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.* Dr Maziyar Jalaal, B.Sc., *Tabriz*, M.Sc., Ph.D, *British Columbia*, appointed from 1 December 2025 until the retiring age.

*Biochemistry.* Dr Noam Prywes, D.Phil., *Oxford*, B.A., *Columbia*, Ph.D., *Harvard*, appointed from 1 October 2025 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Materials Science and Metallurgy.* Dr Matthew James Cliffe, D.Phil., *Oxford*, M.A., M.Sci., *CL*, appointed from 5 January 2026 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Medicine.* Dr Andrew Conway Morris, B.Sc., M.B.Ch.B., *Glasgow*, Ph.D., *Edinburgh*, MRCP, FRCA, appointed from 1 November 2024 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years. Dr Rona Smith, M.A., M.B. B.Chir., *TH*, MRCP, appointed from 1 December 2024 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Oncology.* Dr Siddhartha Kar, B.A., *Pune*, M.P.H., *Texas, Houston*, Ph.D., *HH*, appointed from 1 January 2025 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Public Health and Primary Care.* Dr Zoë Fritz, M.A., *CAI*, M.B.B.S., *Imperial*, Ph.D., *Warwick*, MRCP, FRCP, appointed from 1 May 2025 until the retiring age subject to a probationary period of five years.

**University Assistant Professors**

*Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.* Dr Gamze Gürsoy, B.Sc., *Boğaziçi*, Ph.D., *Illinois (Chicago)*, appointed from 1 April 2026 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Chemistry.* Dr Raj Pandya, M.Sc., *Oxford*, appointed from 1 January 2026 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Engineering.* Dr Miri Zilka, B.Sc., M.Sc., *Tel Aviv*, Ph.D., *Warwick*, appointed from 13 February 2026 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Materials Science and Metallurgy.* Dr Nicole Louise Church, M.A., M.Sci., Ph.D., *N*, appointed from 1 October 2025 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics.* Dr Jan Stefan Tarnowski, B.A., *PEM*, M.Phil., Ph.D., *Columbia*, appointed from 1 September 2025 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Pharmacology.* Dr Maria Marti Solano, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., *Pompeu Fabra*, appointed from 1 October 2025 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Physics.* Dr Lucy Sarah Oswald, M.A., M.Sci., *MUR*, Ph.D., *Oxford*, appointed from 21 January 2026 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

*Psychiatry.* Dr Emilio Fernandez Egea, M.A., *Cambridge*, Ph.D., D.Stat., M.D., M.B.B.S., *Barcelona*, appointed from 12 May 2025 until retiring age subject to a probationary period of five years.

**Clinical Lecturers**

*Clinical Neurosciences.* Dr Francisca Ferreira, M.D., *Prague*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *UCL*, appointed from 1 November 2024 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Haematology.* Mr Tumas Beinortas, M.A., *HO*, Ph.D., *DOW*, B.M. B.Ch., *Oxford*, MRCP, appointed from 1 April 2025 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Medicine.* Mr Anthony Ng, M.A., M.B. B.Chir., *CAI*, Ph.D., *CHR*, MRCP, appointed from 5 February 2025 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year. Dr Alexandra Lake, DTM&H, *London*, M.B.B.S., *London*, M.Biochem., *Oxford*, MRCP, appointed from 17 November 2025 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Obstetrics and Gynaecology.* Dr Jen Jardine, M.A., *Oxford*, M.B.B.S., *Newcastle*, M.Sc., Ph.D., *LSHTM*, appointed from 1 October 2024 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Psychiatry.* Dr Emad Sidhom, M.B.B.Ch., *Cairo*, M.D., *CLH*, ABPsych, MRCPsych, appointed from 5 February 2025 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Public Health and Primary Care.* Dr Mohammad Sharif Razai, B.Sc., *UCL*, M.A., M.B. B.Chir., *ED*, M.A., *Birkbeck*, MRCPG, appointed from 1 October 2024 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

*Surgery.* Dr Sid Lawrence, M.A., M.B. B.Chir., *SID*, Ph.D., *DAR*, MRCS, appointed from 2 October 2024 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year. Mr Iannish Sadien, B.A., M.B. B.Chir., M.A., Ph.D., *JN*, appointed from 2 October 2024 for four years and subject to a probationary period of one year.

## GRANTS OF TITLE

**Affiliated Professor**

*Physiology, Development and Neuroscience.* Professor Kristian Franze has been granted the title of Affiliated Professor from 1 October 2025 for five years.

**Affiliated Associate Professor**

*Economics.* Dr Alexander Rodnyanska has been granted the title of Affiliated Associate Professor from 11 July 2025 for three years.

**Affiliated Lecturers**

*Architecture.* Dr Martha Godina Rodriguez, Dr Jeremy Musson and Ms Cleo Valentine, *W*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year. Dr Wendy Andrews, *Q*, Dr Jane Hall, *K*, and Dr Jiayu Pan, *MUR*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for a further one year.

*Astronomy.* Dr Sergey Kopolov has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 July 2025 for a further two years.

*Criminology.* Ms Emily Quin and Dr Jacqueline Sebire have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year. Dr Brandon Langley and Dr Eleanor Neyroud, *W*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for a further one year.

*Divinity.* Dr Ryan Gilfeather has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for two years.

*Engineering.* Mr Charles Micou, *M*, has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year.

*History of Art.* Dr Anya Burgon, *TH*, and Dr Christina Faraday, *CAI*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year. Dr Marta Cacho Casal, Dr Marie Collier, Dr Justin Davies, *TH*, Dr Verity Mackenzie, *K*, Mr Barry Phipps, *CHU*, Dr Sophie Pickford, *K*, Dr Alexandra Du Plessis, Dr Lucia Tantardini, *CLH*, Dr Rebecca Tropp, *JN*, and Dr Ralph St Clair Wade, *JN*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for a further one year.

*Land Economy.* Dr Konatsu Nishigai has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year.

*Law.* Dr Alexis Brassey, *HH*, and Dr Fernando Lusa Bordin, *SID*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for one year. Dr Zoe Adams, *K*, Dr Ann Cloots, *DAR*, Dr Simon de Smet, Dr Sarah Fraser Butlin, *SE*, Dr Rebecca Freund, *DOW*, Dr Matilda Gillis, *CC*, Dr Emily Gordon, *JN*, Mr Nabil Khabirpour, *LC*, Dr Ziyu Liu, *CHU*, Dr Maayan Menashe, *SID*, Mr Matthew Meyer, Mr Alistair Mills, *M*, Dr Philip Murray, *R*, Mr Andrea Peripoli, *PET*, Mr Gavin Robert, Dr Benjamin Spagnolo, *T*, Dr Fleur Stolker, *EM*, Dr Ana Taleska, *W*, Dr Ling Ernesto Vargas Weil, *SE*, and Dr Fotis Vergis, *CAI*, have been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for a further one year.

*Medicine.* Dr Sanjay Ojha has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for two years.

*Pathology.* Dr Andrew Mark Sharkey, *R*, has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 8 October 2025 for two years.

*Politics and International Studies.* Dr Batoul Farmanfarmaian has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 August 2025 for a further two years.

*Sociology.* Dr Marcin Smietana has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2025 for a further one year.

## CORRECTION

The Notice published on 1 October 2025 (*Reporter*, 6797, 2025–26, p. 22) contained an error. In the Grants of Title section, the individual below was listed under the wrong title; the entry concerned should have read as follows:

**Affiliated Assistant Professor**

*Radiology.* Dr Sanjay Agrawal has been granted the title of Affiliated **Assistant** Professor from 1 October 2024 for three years.

**Vacancies in the University**

A full list of current vacancies can be found at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs>.

**University Assistant/Associate Professorship in Control Theory and Systems Biology in the Department of Engineering;** informal enquiries: Professor Malcolm C. Smith, Head of the Control Group (email: [mcs1000@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcs1000@cam.ac.uk)); closing date: 28 January 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/university-assistantassociate-professor-in-control-theory-and-systems-biology-nm46562>; quote reference: NM46562

**University Assistant/Associate Professorship in Robotics in the Department of Engineering;** informal enquiries: Professor Simon Godsill (email: [sgj30@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sgj30@cam.ac.uk)) or Professor Fulvio Forni (email: [ff286@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ff286@cam.ac.uk)); closing date: 8 February 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/university-assistantassociate-professor-in-robotics-nm47612>; quote reference: NM47612

*The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society.*

*The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.*

**OBITUARIES****Obituary Notice**

DAVID JOHN HALDANE (BEN) GARLING, M.A., Ph.D., Sc.D., Fellow and formerly President and Tutor of St John's College, Emeritus Reader in Mathematical Analysis and sometime Head of the Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, Proctor (Senior) 1996–97, died on 6 December 2025, aged 88 years.

**GRACES****Graces to be submitted to the Regent House at a Congregation on 12 December 2025**

The Council has sanctioned the submission of the following Graces to the Regent House at a Congregation to be held on 12 December 2025 (see *Reporter*, 6806, 2025–26, p. 129 and *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111).

1. That the Home undergraduate fees for students subject to the regulated fees for 2026–27 shall be as set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Schedule for that year, as attached to the Council's Notice dated 4 December 2025 (p. 147).
2. That the Home undergraduate fees for students subject to the regulated fees for 2027–28 shall be as set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Schedule for that year, as attached to the Council's Notice dated 4 December 2025 (p. 147).

**ACTA****Approval of Grace submitted to the Regent House on 26 November 2025**

The Grace submitted to the Regent House on 26 November 2025 (*Reporter*, 6805, 2025–26, p. 125) was approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 5 December 2025.

**Result of ballot on Grace 1 of 30 July 2025 (Injunctions)**

5 December 2025

The Director of Governance and Compliance gives notice that, as a result of the ballot held between 24 November and 3 December 2025, Grace 1 of 30 July 2025 was **approved**. For information about the Grace, see the Council's Notice dated 14 July 2025 (*Reporter*, 6795, 2024–25, p. 771).

The results of the voting are as follows:

*Number of valid votes: 1,583 (no invalid votes)*

In favour of the Grace	826
Against the Grace	757

**Result of ballot on Grace 2 of 30 July 2025 (Guild of Benefactors)**

5 December 2025

The Director of Governance and Compliance gives notice that, as a result of the ballot held between 24 November and 3 December 2025, Grace 2 of 30 July 2025 was **approved**. For information about the Grace, see the Council's Notice dated 24 July 2025 (*Reporter*, 6795, 2024–25, p. 771).

The results of the voting are as follows:

*Number of valid votes: 1,547 (no invalid votes)*

In favour of the Grace	985
Against the Grace	562

R. B. SACHERS, *Director of Governance and Compliance*

**END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'**

## FLY-SHEETS REPRINTED

**Fly-sheets relating to the ballot on an initiated Grace on Injunctions  
(Grace 1 of 30 July 2025)**

In accordance with the Council's Notice on Discussions and Fly-sheets (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 116), the three fly-sheets received for the ballot on an initiated Grace on Injunctions (Grace 1 of 30 July 2025) are reprinted below. The fly-sheets are reprinted in the order in which they appeared in the ballot booklet, which was random. For the result of the ballot see p. 152.

**Fly-sheet re Grace 1 of 30 July 2025**

At stake in this ballot are questions both of principle and process.

As a matter of principle, the University and its constituent Colleges ought not to be seeking civil injunctions to curtail student protests on their property. Such injunctions expose protesters to the risk of extreme penalties, over and above those arising from the criminal charges that can be brought against anyone committing illegal acts, and from the disciplinary procedures of the University. Once an injunction is put in place, a student unfurling a flag at a graduation ceremony, or taking part in an occupation or an encampment in a proscribed area can, without jury trial, incur a punishment of up to two years in prison and an unlimited fine. The decision of a wide range of corporations to apply for injunctions that carry such draconian penalties represents a significant assault on the rights of protest, and hence on the human rights of freedom of expression and assembly, in the UK. It is not appropriate for a University to curtail the rights of its students in this manner, and in the process to incur costs which have neither been disclosed to nor approved by the Regent House.

In relation to process, the Council has decided to submit this Grace initiated under Special Ordinance A (ii) 5 for approval, despite the fact that it has no intention of acting on it. It believes it can do this because, according to the Ordinance on Legal Powers, 'the Council has exclusive authority to conduct legal proceedings on behalf of the University', authority which it delegates to the Registrar. The Council therefore considers that it is not obliged to follow the normal procedure for an initiated Grace that it chooses to reject. This procedure is set out in Special Ordinance A (ii) 7(a); there, the Council is instructed 'to publish a Report giving reasons for its decision to withhold authorization and recommending the Regent House to approve that decision', and that Report is itself subject to a ballot of Regent House. Whereas the submission of an initiated Grace by the Council and its approval by the Regent House would normally make that Grace binding, now it merely shuts it down. In our view, it is not clear that the Ordinance on Legal Powers automatically overrides any input in the form of initiated Graces. Nor can Statute F II, which merely gives the Council the responsibility of maintaining University property, be used to resolve a complex ethical question of this kind. If these Statutes and Ordinances can be interpreted in this way, the democratic structure of the University is effectively dead.

We the undersigned object to the Council's handling of this initiated Grace in terms both of principle and procedure, and we urge members of Regent House to **vote PLACET** [*in favour of the Grace*] in the ballot, to indicate that they share one or both of our objections.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

R. H. ABBOTT	H. FAWZI	A. G. MILNE
C. J. ANGELOPOULOS	R. GAGNÉ	K. J. MOELLER
A. R. C. M. ASSERAF	A. GARG	A. W. MOORE
W. J. ASTLE	V. A. C. GATRELL	C. MORGENSTERN
H. AZÉRAD	H. J. GLEN	R. MORIEUX
T. BASARAN	M. S. GOLDING	V. MOTTIER
M. B. BECKLES	C. J. GONDA	C. G. A. MOUHOT
M. N. BEG	J. H. R. GONZALEZ	T. MÜLLER
B. M. R. BELL	P. GOPAL	J. F. K. NALL
S. BISWAS	W. T. GOWERS	E. T. NAPIERALA
B. A. BODENHORN	N. S. M. GUYATT	Y. NAVARO
M. A. BRAZELTON	D. K. HART	R. L. NEWKEEN
P. BRERETON	R. HAYNES	N. A. OVENDEN
N. BUITRON ARIAS	A. HEHIR	I. K. PATTERSON
C. M. BURLINSON	A. C. HERLE	J. L. POLLARD
D. F. BUSCHER	J. R. HOWLETT	W. A. PULLAN
G. I. CEZARD	I. R. B. M. HUSSAIN	P. RAMOS PINTO OLIVEIRA DA SILVA
F. CHARMAILLE	R. M. KELLEHER	H. RASHID
J. CLARK	P. M. KNOX	D. I. REDHOUSE
J. COBBE	T. KREVER	J. H. RICHENS
J. A. CROWCROFT	N. KRISHNASWAMI	M. RIZQ
R. J. DENT	M. R. LAVEN	J. E. ROBB
R. G. DILLON	M. V. LUCAS-SMITH	A. B. ROMAN
J. M. DIXON	G. W. MAGUIRE	P. M. ROSE
S. DRAGOS	M. MARTINON-TORRES	A. SANCHEZ
M. EILSTRUP-SANGIOVANNI	S. MEER	S. J. SCHAFFER
N. W. EVANS	A. S. MEGHJI	J. E. SCOTT-WARREN
STEPHEN EVANS	P. MENDES LOUREIRO	S. E. SEBASTIAN

E. F. SENIOR  
J. SLOAN  
R. J. SMITH  
M. L. S. SORENSEN  
P. C. J. SPARKS  
K. A. STEEMERS

H. M. STRUDWICK  
J. S. TARNOWSKI  
C. A. TOUT  
P. S. TZOKOVA  
STEPHEN WATTS  
C. L. WILKINSON

C. E. WILLS  
R. M. WILSON  
K. A. WINSTON  
D. ZERKA

### Fly-sheet against Grace 1 of 30 July 2025 (Injunctions)

At stake in this ballot are questions of responsibility as well as rights. While the right to protest is fundamental to a free society, it must be exercised in a manner that respects the rights of others. The University has a duty of care to ensure that all members of its community including students, their families, and staff can participate in important academic occasions such as graduation ceremonies without fear of disruption or intimidation.

While the right to lawful protest must be respected, it cannot override the University's duty to protect the safety and enjoyment of others or to uphold the proper conduct of its affairs. The power to seek an injunction, when used proportionately and only as a last resort, is an appropriate and necessary tool for fulfilling that duty. To deny the Council the authority to seek such injunctions would be to remove an essential mechanism for maintaining safety, order, and fairness within the University.

For these reasons, we urge members of the Regent House to vote **NON PLACET** [*against the Grace*] in this ballot.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

G. CASELLI  
K. S. FRIEDMAN  
L. HOOPER  
J. J. HUMBLE  
M. H. KRAMER

L. A. LEWIS  
P. H. MAXWELL  
T. H. W. MINSHALL  
K. OTTEWELL  
R. V. PENTY

M. PIERCE  
J. PLUMMER-BRAECKMAN  
F. T. URMETZER

### The authority of the Council under the Ordinance on Legal Powers

In its Notice dated 14 July 2025<sup>1</sup> the Council argued that under the *Statutes and Ordinances* the Regent House, the governing body of the University (Statute A III 1<sup>2</sup>), has no authority over the Council in respect of the conduct of legal proceedings. The Notice states:

As set out in the Ordinance on Legal Powers and Statute F II 2, the Council has exclusive authority to conduct legal proceedings on behalf of the University, including where necessary to secure access to and use of University property. These powers are granted in Statutes and Ordinances; they are not delegated from the Regent House (or any other body). The Grace, if approved, would therefore not bind the Council, or the Registry as its delegate.

The Council's argument is constitutionally dubious and its appearance in an official Notice accompanying the submission of the Grace raises doubt about the democratic legitimacy of this ballot.

The general authority of the Council to conduct legal proceedings under the *Statutes and Ordinances* derives from the Ordinance on Legal Powers<sup>3</sup>, rather than from any statute. Statute F II 2 merely makes the Council responsible for the care, management, and maintenance of University property.<sup>4</sup>

All the Ordinances of the University, including the Ordinance on Legal Powers, were enacted by Grace of the Regent House. Furthermore, the Regent House has the power to make exceptions to the Ordinances at any time by issuing Orders by Grace, providing such Orders are consistent with the Statutes (Statute A II 1<sup>5</sup> and Statute A III 3<sup>6</sup>).

By approving the Ordinance on Legal Powers in 1968, the Regent House transferred the University's power to take legal proceedings from itself to the Council.<sup>7</sup> If approved, the present Grace would make an exception to the Ordinance, in effect returning control of the two powers specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) to the Regent House. The University's other legal powers would remain in the hands of the Registry, to whom they have been delegated by Council.

The undersigned call upon the Council to correct the errors in its Notice of 14 July 2025.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

W. J. ASTLE  
M. B. BECKLES  
F. CHARMAILLE  
J. CLARK  
S. J. COWLEY  
J. M. DIXON  
N. W. EVANS

A. GARG  
D. K. HART  
R. S. HAYNES  
J. J. HUMBLE  
P. M. KNOX  
A. G. MILNE  
A. W. MOORE

C. G. A. MOUHOT  
N. A. OVENDEN  
D. I. REDHOUSE  
S. J. SCHAFFER  
R. J. SMITH  
C. A. TOUT

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6795, 2024–25, p. 771.

<sup>2</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 117.

<sup>4</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 47.

<sup>5</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 4.

<sup>6</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 5.

<sup>7</sup> *Reporter*, 1968–69: 4632, p. 400; 4636, p. 531.

## Fly-sheets relating to the ballot on an initiated Grace on the Guild of Benefactors (Grace 2 of 30 July 2025)

In accordance with the Council's Notice on Discussions and Fly-sheets (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 116), the two fly-sheets received for the ballot on an initiated Grace on the Guild of Benefactors (Grace 2 of 30 July 2025) are reprinted below. The fly-sheets are reprinted in the order in which they appeared in the ballot booklet, which was random. For the result of the ballot see p. 152.

### Fly-sheet re Grace 2 of 30 July 2025

At stake in this ballot are questions both of principle and process.

As a matter of principle, the University ought not be admitting members to an honour community, the Guild of Benefactors, and carving their names in stone in the Old Schools, without informing the wider University about who is being thus honoured. The University is a collective endeavour, and we have a right to know whom we are choosing to honour, at every level. This would not prevent donors from remaining anonymous, should they so wish, and foregoing the option of being elected to the Guild. The Council's claims that GDPR rules make publication of the membership list impossible, and that a significant loss of revenue will result from its publication, are unevidenced. Publicizing the membership of the Guild, as was common practice until very recently, cannot be shown to entail any loss of funding for the University. It would however represent a significant increase in institutional transparency, which would benefit everyone who works for and studies at the University.

In relation to process, the Council has decided to submit this Grace initiated under Special Ordinance A (ii) 5 for approval, despite the fact that it has no intention of acting on it. The Council believes that it can do this because it is the Trustee body of the institution, with a responsibility to assure its financial good health; 'given the importance of philanthropy in supporting the mission of the University, it would be unwise to adopt a change in policy that is likely to damage its ability to fundraise'. The Council therefore considers that it is not obliged to follow the normal procedure for an initiated Grace that it chooses to reject. This is set out in Special Ordinance A (ii) 7(a); there, the Council is instructed 'to publish a Report giving reasons for its decision to withhold authorization and recommending the Regent House to approve that decision', and that Report is itself subject to a ballot of Regent House. Whereas the submission of an initiated Grace by the Council and its approval by the Regent House would normally make that Grace binding, now it merely shuts it down. In our view, it is not clear that an appeal to the fiduciary responsibility of the Council can override an initiated Grace, without a full justificatory Report and a ballot on that Report. If it can, the democratic structure of the University is effectively dead.

We the undersigned object to the Council's handling of this initiated Grace in terms both of principle and procedure, and we urge members of Regent House to **vote PLACET** [*in favour of the Grace*] in the ballot, to indicate that they share one or both of our objections.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

G. P. ALLEN	C. J. GONDA	J. F. K. NALL
F. E. ANTHONY	P. GOPAL	E. T. NAPIERALA
A. R. C. M. ASSERAF	W. T. GOWERS	N. A. OVENDEN
W. J. ASTLE	D. K. HART	I. K. PATTERSON
H. AZÉRAD	R. HAYNES	J. L. POLLARD
T. BASARAN	L. M. HAYWOOD	W. A. PULLAN
M. B. BECKLES	A. HEHIR	D. I. REDHOUSE
M. N. BEG	A. C. HERLE	M. RIZQ
B. M. R. BELL	J. R. HOWLETT	J. E. ROBB
M. A. BRAZELTON	I. R. B. M. HUSSAIN	S. J. SCHAFER
N. BUITRON ARIAS	P. M. KNOX	J. E. SCOTT-WARREN
D. F. BUSCHER	T. KREVER	R. J. SMITH
F. CHARMAILLE	N. KRISHNASWAMI	M. L. S. SORENSEN
S. J. COWLEY	M. R. LAVEN	P. C. J. SPARKS
R. J. DENT	M. V. LUCAS-SMITH	K. A. STEEMERS
R. G. DILLON	S. MEER	H. M. STRUDWICK
J. M. DIXON	A. S. MEGHJI	S. TARNOWSKI
S. DRAGOS	P. MENDES LOUREIRO	P. S. TZOKOVA
M. EILSTRUP-SANGIOVANNI	A. G. MILNE	J. M. B. WALLACE
N. W. EVANS	K. J. MOELLER	M. T. J. WEBBER
H. FAWZI	A. W. MOORE	C. L. WILKINSON
R. GAGNÉ	C. MORGENSTERN	R. M. WILSON
A. GARG	R. MORIEUX	D. ZERKA
V. A. C. GATRELL	V. MOTTIER	
H. J. GLEN	C. G. A. MOUHOT	
M. S. GOLDING	T. MÜLLER	

### **The authority of the Regent House and the Council's role as the trustee body of the University**

In its Notice dated 24 July 2025<sup>1</sup> the Council argued that the Regent House, the governing body of the University (Statute A III 1<sup>2</sup>), has no authority over the Council in respect of a decision to publish the membership of the Guild of Benefactors. The Notice states:

As the background information provided with the Grace acknowledges, the authority to decide whether the Guild's membership should be published rests with the Council. This is because the Council is the trustee body of the University and the University's principal policy-making body under Statute A IV 1(a). The Grace is therefore advisory and does not bind the Council.

The Council's argument is constitutionally questionable. There is a strong case that the Regent House is the supreme executive authority in the University, because of its statutory designation as the governing body and because of its statutory right to issue Orders by Grace (Statute A II 1<sup>3</sup> and Statute A III 3<sup>4</sup>). On this interpretation, policies made by the Council for the University under Statute A IV 1(a)<sup>5</sup> are subordinate to Orders of the University made by Grace of the Regent House.

Significant decisions of university governing bodies often have financial consequences. Indeed, one justification for academic democracy is that the best way to raise and distribute financial resources in support of studies across a wide range of fields is to let the experts decide how to raise and spend the money themselves, by giving them collective control of their institution. The Council's designation as the trustee body of the University, which is relatively recent, imposes fiduciary duties on its members that are unknown to the *Statutes and Ordinances* and which, on the interpretation of the Council, practically abolish the University's participatory democracy.

The undersigned call upon the Council to investigate ways in which the strength of the University's democracy, where it has been inhibited by the development of twenty-first century charity law, might be restored.

Signed by the following members of the Regent House:

W. J. ASTLE  
M. B. BECKLES  
F. CHARMAILLE  
J. CLARK  
J. M. DIXON

N. W. EVANS  
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<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6795, 2024–25, p. 771.

<sup>2</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 4.

<sup>4</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 5.

<sup>5</sup> *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 6.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Elections

#### Trinity Hall

Elected into a Staff Fellowship with effect from  
5 November 2025:

Adrian Grama, B.A., *Bucharest*, M.A.,  
Ph.D., *Central European*

Elected into a Research Fellowship with effect from  
1 January 2026:

George Fulham, M.Eng., M.A., *CHU*

Elected into a Visiting Fellowship for the month of  
February 2026:

Zehra Jumabhoy, B.A., *Durham*, M.A., *Warwick*, M.A.,  
Ph.D., *Courtauld*

### Vacancies

*Christ's College*: College Lectureship and Fellowship in  
Law; tenure: from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029  
initially or for a similar period with dates to be agreed  
(renewable); salary: £42,091; closing date:  
23 January 2026 at 12 noon; further details:  
[https://jrf.christs.cam.ac.uk/clf\\_law\\_2026](https://jrf.christs.cam.ac.uk/clf_law_2026)

*Selwyn College*: Chaplain (maternity cover); tenure:  
part-time (0.75 FTE) for nine months from 13 April 2026;  
salary: £38,249 *pro rata*; closing date: 16 January 2026 at  
12 noon; further details: [https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/jobs/  
chaplain-maternity-cover](https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/jobs/chaplain-maternity-cover)

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