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Council of the University

Changes in Regulations

Council has made the following changes in regulations, to come into effect on **12 June**.

(a) Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Explanatory Note

The proposed changes, made on the recommendation of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, bring the committee's regulations into line with new HEFCE requirements for assurance and current University policies.

Text of Regulations

In Part 8 of Council Regulations 15 of 2002, concerning the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, amend existing regulations 8.7-8.9 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'8.7. The committee shall provide independent assurance to assist Council in fulfilling Council's responsibilities for ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the University's arrangements for risk management; financial control; governance; economy, efficiency and effectiveness (value for money); and the management and quality assurance of data submitted to the Higher Education Statistics Agency ("HESA"), the Student Loans Company, and to the Higher Education Funding Council for England ("HEFCE") and other funding bodies data quality assurance across the University's activities. In particular, the committee shall:

- (1) request to Council that any matter, which in the view of the committee merits special and immediate consideration, be brought to Congregation's attention at any time during the academic year;
- (2) be entitled to place on the agenda of Council for discussion any matter which the committee deems it appropriate and necessary for Council to consider. The minute of any matter discussed by Council in this way shall be promptly reported to the committee;
- (3) be entitled to discuss any matters its members may wish to raise, in the

absence of University officers and/or the external and internal auditors;

(4) in respect of the University's external audit arrangements:

- (a) consider and recommend to Council annually the appointment of the external auditors, the audit fee, the provision of non-audit services by the external auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the external auditors;
- (b) monitor annually the performance and effectiveness of the external auditors, including any matters affecting their independence and objectivity, and make recommendations to Council concerning their reappointment, where appropriate;
- (c) agree with the external auditors, before the audit begins, the nature and scope of the audit;
- (d) discuss with the external auditors problems and reservations arising from the interim and final audits, including a review of the management letter incorporating management responses;

(5) in respect of the University's internal audit arrangements:

- (a) consider and decide on the appointment and terms of engagement of the internal audit service (and the head of internal audit, if applicable), the audit fee, the provision of non-audit services by the internal auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the internal auditors;
- (b) monitor annually the performance and effectiveness of internal auditors, including any matters affecting their independence and objectivity;
- (c) review the internal auditors' audit risk assessment, strategy and audit plan;
- (d) consider major findings of internal audit investigations and the management responses;

(e) ensure that the resources made available for internal audit are sufficient to meet the institution's needs;

(f) receive and consider requests for internal audit reviews submitted by twenty or more members of Congregation via the Proctors;

(g) save in respect of any report that the committee considers requires immediate reference to Council, publish on the Oxford intranet within one month of acceptance by the committee the executive summary of each internal audit report, including of those reports produced under regulation 8.7(5)(f) or alternatively a summary of why such a requested report was considered unnecessary;

(h) make available for consultation by any member of Congregation by arrangement with the secretary of the committee the full text of any internal audit report for which the executive summary has been published under regulation 8.7(5)(g);

(6) in respect of the University's external and internal audit arrangements:

- (a) undertake audit reviews, including project reviews, at the request of Council;
- (b) monitor the implementation of agreed audit-based recommendations;
- (c) discuss within the committee any matters the external or internal auditors wish to raise, in the absence of University officers where necessary;
- (d) satisfy itself that, where non-audit services are provided by the external or internal auditors at the request of the University, the independence and objectivity of the external or internal audit service (as appropriate) has not been affected by the extent or nature of that additional work;
- (e) promote co-ordination between the internal and external auditors;

- (7) in the presence of the external auditors, review, and report to Council on, the draft annual financial statements from an audit perspective, including the external audit opinion, the statement of members' responsibilities, the statement of internal control and risk management, and any relevant issue raised in the external auditors' management letter, in accordance with HEFCE's Accounts Directions;
- (8) seek assurance from the colleges:
- (a) as to the proper use and control of the public and publicly-accountable funds transferred from the University to the colleges; and
- (b) that appropriate arrangements are in place concerning the delivery of value for money in relation to those funds; and report annually on these matters to Council;
- (9) oversee the adequacy of the University's arrangements to prevent and detect irregularities, fraud and corruption, to include being notified of any action taken under the University's policy in this area;
- (10) satisfy itself as to the appropriateness of the audit processes of Oxford University Press and shall:
- (a) receive an annual report from the Oxford University Press Audit Committee;
- (b) receive any other written or verbal reports from the Oxford University Press Audit Committee as the committee shall determine;
- (c) consider any matters arising out of the reports which are of concern to the committee and ask for further investigation and reporting as necessary;
- (11) ensure that all significant losses have been properly investigated and that the internal and external auditors, and where appropriate the HEFCE accounting officer, have been informed;
- (12) receive any relevant reports from the National Audit Office, HEFCE and other organisations.
- 8.8. In respect of its scrutiny function:
- (1) the committee defines scrutiny as the process of structured inquiry or investigation into failures or alleged failures of the University's operations;
- (2) the committee shall itself determine how and when to exercise this function;
- (3) in exercising this function, the committee may call for any investigation that it considers necessary and may call any individual or for any document or documents it considers relevant to any such investigation;
- (4) the committee shall receive and consider requests for scrutiny reviews submitted by any member of Congregation;
- (5) the committee shall undertake scrutiny reviews at the request of Council;
- (6) save in respect of any scrutiny review that the committee considers requires immediate reference to Council, the committee shall publish on the Oxford intranet within one month of acceptance by the committee a summary of any scrutiny review undertaken under regulation 8.8(4) or (5), or a summary of why such a requested review was considered unnecessary;
- (7) save for those reports which the committee considers shall remain confidential (for example those concerning individuals) and for any report referred to Council, the committee shall make available for consultation by any member of Congregation by arrangement with the secretary of the committee the full text of any scrutiny report for which a summary has been published under regulation 8.8(6).
- 8.9. (1) Each year, at the same meeting at which Council is asked to approve the University's financial statements, the committee shall report to Council and thereafter to Congregation and to HEFCE on its activity over the relevant financial year.
- (2) When producing its annual report, the committee shall consider, *inter alia*:
- (a) the external auditors' annual report and management letter;
- (b) the internal auditors' annual report;
- (c) work done in relation to value for money; and
- (d) any relevant evaluations carried out by HEFCE or others.
- (3) The report shall be based on information presented to the committee.
- (4) In addition to drawing attention to significant issues that have arisen out of the committee's work over the year in question, the report shall include the committee's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the University's arrangements for:
- (a) risk management, to include the accuracy of the statement of internal control and risk management included with the annual statement of accounts;
- (b) control;
- (c) governance;
- (d) value for money; and
- (e) the management and quality assurance of data submitted to HESA, the Student Loans Company, and to HEFCE and other funding bodies.
- (5) The committee's annual report is additional to any other reports the committee considers it appropriate to submit to Council during the year.'
- (b) Rules Committee**
- Explanatory Note*
- This amendment brings the provisions governing membership of the Rules Committee into line with other University committees, in order that casual terms of office be discounted when determining eligibility for re-election or re-appointment of non-student members. The opportunity is also being taken to replace the term 'chairman' with the gender-neutral term 'chair'.
- Text of Regulations*
- 1** In Council Regulations 42 of 2002, concerning the Constitution, Duties, and Powers of the Rules Committee, delete existing regulations 1-4 and substitute (deleted text struck through, new text underlined):
- '1. The Rules Committee shall consist of:
- (1) the Senior Proctor (or in his or her absence the Junior Proctor), who shall act as chairman;
- (2), (3) the two Proctors-elect;
- (4), (5) two college deans elected by the Conference of Colleges;
- (6) a member of Congregation appointed by Council;
- (7), (8) two student members (who must at the time they take up office have been matriculated for at least three terms) elected by the Council of the Oxford University Student Union from among its members;
- (9), (10) two student members (who must at the time they take up office have been

matriculated for at least three terms) appointed by the Executive of the Oxford University Student Union not necessarily from among its members;

(11), (12) two graduate student members appointed by the Executive of the Oxford University Student Union not necessarily from among its members.

2. The members under regulation 1(4)–(6) above shall hold office for three years, and shall not be eligible for reappointment or re-election until the expiry of three years from the date on which their period of office expires. Casual terms of office shall not count towards this limit.

3. The members under regulation 1(7)–(12) above shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for reappointment or re-election under (7)–(12).

4. (1) If a member under regulation 1(4)–(12) above dies or resigns or leaves the University during his or her period of office, his or her place shall either be filled for the remainder of his or her period of office by the body which appointed or elected him or her or (if that body so decides) be left vacant.

(2) If he or she a member under regulation 1(7)–(12) above dies or resigns or leaves the University before the expiry of one-half of his or her period of office, the provisions concerning re-eligibility shall apply to his or her successor as if his or her successor had served for a full period; otherwise those provisions shall not apply.'

2 Ibid, amend regulation 10(3) as follows (deleted text struck through):

'(3) If at this further meeting the voting is still equal, or if there is an equality of votes at a meeting at which all members are present, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.'

Council of the University

Register of Congregation

Mr Vice-Chancellor reports that the following names have been added to the Register of Congregation:

Blee, S A, Bodleian Libraries
Dommett, D M, Saïd Business School
Hewson, A C, Department of Earth Sciences
Kubal, A M, Wolfson

Congregation

Congregation

2 June 2pm

Under the provisions of Part 5 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002, the reply to the question below shall be read in Congregation; no debate shall be permitted upon the reply, but at the Chairman's discretion supplementary questions may be asked to elucidate the reply given.

Question and Reply

Nine members of Congregation to ask Council:

'*Oxford University Strategic Plan for 2013–2018* stresses as part of our commitment to maintaining excellence of Oxford research that the collegiate University "will enhance the infrastructure which supports research at the highest level, including libraries". At the same time, funding for university libraries, on top of a 10% reduction in 2010–2013, was further reduced in 2013/4 and 2014/5 financial years, while additional savings, characterised in Michaelmas 2014 update from the Bodleian Libraries as "significant", will need to be found in 2015/6. Amalgamation of important research libraries in the Humanities is now being implemented or proposed (notably Taylorian Slavonic and Modern Greek library, Oriental Institute library and Sackler library), with considerable potential effect on the university's ability to conduct world-class research in these disciplines and on undergraduate and graduate teaching provision.

What consideration has been given by the Council to the potential detrimental effects of further cuts to the Bodleian Libraries budgetary settlement and to the possibilities of finding additional funding to libraries' operational costs?'

Georgy Kantor, St John's
 David Seifert, St John's
 Barry Murnane, St John's
 Julia Bray, St John's
 Christopher Minkowski, Balliol
 Alison Salvesen, Mansfield
 David Taylor, Wolfson
 James Benson, Wolfson
 John Ma, Corpus Christi

The following reply to the above question has been approved by Council:

'Council shares the view that the Bodleian Libraries are essential in order to conduct world-class research and teaching in Oxford and that the reputation and success of the University in these academic endeavours have been influenced by the collections and services provided by the libraries over the past 400 years. It remains committed to ensuring that the Bodleian Libraries can continue to provide their services to Oxford and recognises that the nature of the provision made by the Bodleian Libraries affects the academic disciplines in different ways.

Over the last five years Council has approved significant capital investments of just under £110m on library projects (funded from both University and philanthropic sources) to allow the development of the Book Storage Facility, refurbishment of the Radcliffe Camera and the Gladstone Link, the Weston Library, the Philosophy and Theology Faculties Library, and the creation of the Bodleian KB Chen China Centre Library, all of which contribute to the sustainability of the services and have enhanced the infrastructure to support research.

One of the reasons that the Bodleian Libraries are now making arrangements for accommodating required reduction through a combination of efficiencies in their existing service provision, raising additional funds, and reducing some areas of expenditure is the need for the University as a whole to maintain a sustainable financial plan. An additional reason for such change is the need to provide new services to support researchers in the University, including digital provision, open access support and research data curation and publication.

Council is accountable for the financial health of the University, for ensuring that the University has a strategic plan and an annual operating plan and budget; and that the Strategic Plan is supported by a financial and investment strategy. Council has, appropriately, addressed its considerations to the broad issue of a sustainable budget

for the University as a whole, to ensure that facilities, collections and University infrastructure can be sustained responsibly into the future.

The University's Strategic Plan 2013–2018, proposed by Council and approved by Congregation, notes that to support the University's academic communities with appropriate libraries and museums, seminar rooms, laboratories, IT systems and research equipment will require significant capital investment; and to ensure that facilities, collections and University infrastructure can be sustained responsibly into the future will require a sufficient recurrent surplus. The Strategic Plan therefore aims for the University to achieve an operational surplus (calculated as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation: EBITDA) of at least 5%, taking into account the increasing cost of replacing assets through inflation or rising expectations of functional suitability.

In setting the University's budget for 2014/15, Council, informed by the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee and the Finance Committee, noted that there was an anticipated shortfall against the University's EBITDA target in 2013/14 and future years. At that time EBITDA was forecast to be 4.7% in 2013/14 and about 4.5% in 2014/15 and 2015/16 without action being taken. To address this, Council required the University's budget to be set for 2015/16 with the aim of achieving the EBITDA target of at least 5% in that year. That required savings in that year across the University as a whole of the order of £9.5m.

Since growth in expenditure was the primary cause of the failure to meet the EBITDA target the necessary savings were allocated across the divisions and services pro rata to the growth in budgeted departmental expenditure between 2013/14 and 2014/15. This resulted in divisions and services being required to find savings on their submitted plans totalling £9.5m, with all service areas (Finance, Development, UAS and ASUC) required to make savings totalling £3.1m to accommodate the necessary reduction in funding.

A key element of the future strategy for providing sustainable funding, which would mitigate the negative effects of the reduction in other funding streams, is the continued development of an endowment fund. In the last five years the Bodleian Libraries' endowment value has increased from £27m to £45.5m, enabling the protection of key specialist staff positions, as well as providing funding for preservation, exhibitions, and acquisition of collections.

As part of the Oxford Thinking campaign the Bodleian Libraries have been a strategic area for fundraising that has resulted in donations of £32.3m over the last five years with £4.7m cash received this year (to date). Efforts will continue to maximise income from philanthropic giving and so grow the endowment fund in support of the Bodleian Libraries. A plan to leverage external endowment for libraries and museums is under development and expected to come for discussion to PRAC this term.'

¶ *Arrangements for the meeting*

The meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, 2 June, in the Sheldonian Theatre. Attendance at the meeting is open to members of Congregation and to nominated representatives of the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) as agreed in advance by the Vice-Chancellor. Admittance to the Theatre will be on the production of a valid University card and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors of the Sheldonian Theatre will open at 1.45pm.

The Vice-Chancellor has decided that the wearing of gowns shall be optional on this occasion.

The Congregation website is at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/governance/congregation.

Congregation

11 June

Elections

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Council
Curators of the University Libraries
Visitors of the Botanic Garden
Delegacy for Military Instruction

UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Council
Continuing Education Board
Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum
Delegacy for Nomination of Candidates for Ecclesiastical Benefices
Visitatorial Board Panel
Humanities Board
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board
Board of the Faculty of Classics
Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature
Board of the Faculty of History
Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
Board of the Faculty of Music
Board of the Faculty of Philosophy
Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion

Details are in 'Elections' section below.

Congregation

16 June

¶ Members of Congregation are reminded that any two members may, not later than **noon on 8 June**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they intend to oppose or amend the resolutions at 1–2, the changes to Congregation Regulations at 3, the suspension of Congregation Regulations at 4 or the legislative proposals at 5 and 6 below (see the note on the conduct of business in Congregation below). If no such notice has been given, and unless Council has declared otherwise or the meeting has been adjourned, each resolution, the changes to Congregation Regulations, the suspension of Congregation Regulations and each legislative proposal shall be declared carried, and the meeting may be cancelled.

(1) Voting on a Resolution authorising the use of space in the Robert Hooke building

Explanatory Note

Over the last three years, the Department of Computer Science has been allocated a number of spaces in the Robert Hooke building. The purpose of the initial allocation, made in June 2012, was to alleviate pressure on the department's existing space, this being a high priority for the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division, and consistent with the division's strategic aim to expand Computer Science research in Oxford.

The department has continued to attract significant external investment in research and doctoral training and subsequent allocations have been made both to accommodate that growth and in anticipation of continued expansion as new academics develop their research programmes. The allocation of further space is now recommended. As these allocations, in aggregate, exceed the threshold of 600 sq m net usable area, Congregation's approval is now sought.

Text of Resolution

That approximately 1,095 sq m net usable area in the Robert Hooke building (building number 160) be allocated to the Department of Computer Science from 17 June 2015 until 16 June 2020.

(2) Voting on a Resolution authorising the use of space in the Oxford Molecular Pathology Institute

Explanatory Note

The Sleep and Circadian Neurosciences Institute (SCNi) is the first institute in the world dedicated to the neuroscience of sleep and to advancing our understanding of how sleep and circadian rhythm disruption impacts upon health. The SCNi is currently a virtual institute, but has secured grant funding to enable it to establish a physical base.

While Congregation has previously approved the allocation of space in the Tinsley Building on Mansfield Road for this purpose, following further examination neither the SCNi nor the Medical Sciences Division wish to pursue this allocation. Consideration has therefore been given to alternative locations for the SCNi.

It is anticipated that the long-term solution for the SCNi will be found through the development of the Hans Krebs site. In the short term, it is proposed that the SCNi be established on the ground floor of the Oxford Molecular Pathology Institute. This space is currently allocated to the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. The school has agreed to release the space on a temporary basis.

Text of Resolution

That 688 sq m net usable area on the ground floor of the Oxford Molecular Pathology Institute be allocated to the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences for the Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute. This is a temporary allocation from 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2017 following which the space will revert to the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology.

(3) Voting on Changes to Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002: Religious Services and Sermons

Explanatory Note

The following changes to Part 6 of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002, made on the recommendation of the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, amend the regulations relating to Religious Services and Sermons: (i) to reflect current practice in relation to the number of sermons held at St Mary's Church in Michaelmas and Trinity terms, and to fix the date of the first such sermon (the Commemoration Day Sermon) in the University calendar to enable better publicity; and (ii) to reflect Magdalen College's wish that, for practical

considerations, the sermon known as the St John the Baptist Day Sermon, which is held in its chapel in Trinity term, be held on a fixed date in the University calendar.

Text of Regulations

In Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002, concerning the conduct of ceremonies in Congregation and certain other ceremonies, in Part 6 delete existing Regulations 6.12–6.18 and substitute (new text underlined, deleted struck through):

'Sermons to be preached in Full Term in St Mary's Church

6.12 Sermons shall be preached before the University in St Mary's Church on certain days, namely:

(1) on two Sundays during Michaelmas Full Term:

(a) one to be on the second Sunday, the Commemoration Day sermon; and

(b) one to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers;

~~on two Sundays during Michaelmas Full Term, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers;~~

~~(2) on two Sundays during Hilary Full Term, excepting the first day of Hilary Full Term, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers;~~

~~(3) on the first day of Hilary Full Term, the Latin Sermon (to be preached in accordance with Regulations 6.13 and 6.14 below); and~~

~~(4) on one no more than two Sundays during Trinity Full Term, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers; and~~

~~(5) on the first Sunday of Michaelmas Term, the Commemoration Day sermon.~~

Latin Sermon

6.13 On the first day of Hilary Full Term a Latin Sermon (to be preceded by the Litany read by one of the Proctors or by another member of Convocation appointed by them) shall be preached in the Church of St Mary the Virgin by persons nominated in turn by the heads of the colleges and societies, in the customary order of seniority.

6.14 If the head of a college or society to whose turn it falls to nominate the preacher should fail to do so, or if the preacher nominated should be prevented by sudden

illness or other urgent cause from preaching, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint some other qualified person to replace that preacher.

Sermons on the Grace of Humility and the Sin of Pride

6.15 The Sermons on the Grace of Humility and on the Sin of Pride, for which a benefaction was given to the University in 1684 by the Revd William Master, Vicar of Preston, near Cirencester, shall be preached on Quinquagesima Sunday and the last Sunday before Advent respectively, on one of a selection of texts specified by the benefactor.

The Ramsden Sermon

6.16 The Ramsden Sermon, for which a benefaction (now known as the Ramsden Benefaction) was given to the University by Mr J H Markland in 1847, shall be preached upon "Church Extension within the British Commonwealth".

Sermons to be preached elsewhere than in St Mary's Church

6.17 Sermons shall be preached before the University in certain colleges, on certain days, namely:

(1) in the Cathedral Church of Christ on the first Sunday in Advent and on Whitsunday;

(2) in Magdalen College, on the Sunday in Full Term nearest St Mark's Day, and on the ninth Sunday of Trinity Term ~~nearest St John Baptists' Day, unless that is the Sunday before Encaenia, when the sermon shall be preached on the following Sunday;~~

(3) in Oriel College, on the eighth Sunday of Hilary Full Term;

(4) in Hertford College, the Macbride Sermon (preached in accordance with Part 40 of the Schedule to the Statutes) on the second Sunday in Hilary Term;

(5) in the Cathedral Church of Christ, when a Court Sermon is required;

(6) in Queen's College, on Trinity Sunday;

(7) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Ramsden Sermon (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.16 above), on the fourth Sunday of Michaelmas Full Term;

(8) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the

Sin of Pride (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above), on the last Sunday before Advent;

(9) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the Grace of Humility (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above), on Quinquagesima Sunday.

6.18 In each instance, except those detailed in 6.17(4), 6.17(5), 6.17(7), 6.17(8) and 6.17(9) above, the preacher shall be appointed by the college.

Commemoration of Benefactors

6.19 The preacher, in a prayer before the first University sermon specified in Regulation 6.12(1)(a) above after the beginning of term and in the sermon on the morning of the first Sunday of Michaelmas Term, shall make a grateful commemoration of the benefactors of the University, recalling by name those whom Council has decreed shall be commemorated in this way. The list of names shall be divided into three sections, one of which shall be read out in turn at each successive commemoration. The list shall be held by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers and shall be presented to the committee at its meeting in each Michaelmas Term.

(4) Voting on the Suspension of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002: Religious Services and Sermons

Explanatory Note

The following part-suspensions of paragraphs within Part 6 of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002, made on the recommendation of the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, suspend the regulations to remove the requirement that the Sermon on the Grace of Humility be preached on Quinquagesima Sunday¹. The Sermon on the Grace of Humility will be preached on another Sunday within Hilary term 2016. Such suspensions are to be effective only in relation to Hilary term 2016. The regulation changes proposed at (3) above do not affect the regulations proposed to be suspended. For the avoidance of doubt, the text below shows the current form of the regulations and does not incorporate the changes proposed at (3) above.

Text of Regulations

In Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002, concerning the conduct of ceremonies in Congregation and certain other ceremonies, in Part 6 suspend part of Regulation 6.15 and Regulation 6.17(9) in respect of the Sermon of the Grace of Humility in relation to Hilary term 2016 only, in the manner indicated below (with the suspended wording struck through):

'Sermons on the Grace of Humility and the Sin of Pride

6.15 The Sermons on the Grace of Humility and on the Sin of Pride, for which a benefaction was given to the University in 1684 by The Revd William Master, Vicar of Preston, near Cirencester, shall be preached on Quinquagesima Sunday and the last Sunday before Advent respectively, on one of a selection of texts specified by the benefactor.

The Ramsden Sermon

6.16 The Ramsden Sermon, for which a benefaction (now known as the Ramsden Benefaction) was given to the University by Mr JH Markland in 1847, shall be preached upon 'Church Extension within the British Commonwealth'.

Sermons to be preached elsewhere than in St Mary's Church

6.17 Sermons shall be preached before the University in certain colleges, on certain days, namely:

- (1) in the Cathedral Church of Christ on the first Sunday in Advent and on Whitsunday;
- (2) in Magdalen College, on the Sunday in Full Term nearest St Mark's Day, and on the Sunday nearest St John Baptists' Day, unless that is the Sunday before Encaenia, when the sermon shall be preached on the following Sunday;
- (3) in Oriel College, on the eighth Sunday of Hilary Full Term;
- (4) in Hertford College, the Macbride Sermon (preached in accordance with Part 40 of the Schedule to the Statutes) on the second Sunday in Hilary Term;
- (5) in the Cathedral Church of Christ, when a Court Sermon is required;
- (6) in Queen's College, on Trinity Sunday;
- (7) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Ramsden Sermon (preached in accordance with Regulation

6.16 above), on the fourth Sunday of Michaelmas Full Term;

(8) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the Sin of Pride (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above), on the last Sunday before Advent;

(9) in rotation, in one of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the Grace of Humility (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above); on Quinquagesima Sunday.

(5) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Statute VIII: Libraries, Museums and Scientific Collections, and the University Press

Explanatory Note

Further to recommendations made by the Academic Services and University Collections review of the Botanic Garden, it is proposed that the Visitors of the Botanic Garden become responsible for the fulfilment of their duties to Council via the Oxford University Museums Board. At present, the Visitors are responsible 'under Council'. This change brings the legislation governing the Visitors of the Botanic Garden into line with the legislation governing the University museums.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Visitors of the Botanic Garden responsible to Council through the Oxford University Museums Board, THE UNIVERSITY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS.

In Statute VIII, concerning Libraries, Museums and Scientific Collections, and the University Press, delete existing section 8 regarding the Visitors of the Botanic Garden and substitute (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'8. There shall be a body of Visitors of the Botanic Garden which shall be responsible; ~~under Council to Council through the Oxford University Museums Board, in accordance with any policies and structures set by that Board,~~ for the safe keeping, preservation, orderly administration, finance and general policy of the garden.'

Regulations to be made by Council if the Statute is approved

In Council Regulations 3 of 2003, concerning the Botanic Garden, delete existing regulation 6 and substitute (deleted text struck through, new text underlined):

¹The reference to the timing of the Sermon on the Sin of Pride in Regulation 6.15 is also being suspended for clarity, but given the period of the suspension the timing for the Sermon on the Sin of Pride will not be affected.

'6. The Visitors shall have authority, under Council and the Oxford University Museums Board, to make such other arrangements by standing order as are necessary to fulfil their responsibilities.'

(6) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Hensley Henson Fund

Explanatory Note

Part 28 of the Schedule to the Statutes records the governing terms of the Hensley Henson Fund. In order to comply with the Equality Act (2010) references restricting the beneficiaries of the fund to certain Christian organisations will be removed. In addition, the opportunity will be taken to update the out-of-date reference to the Board of the Faculty of Theology.

WHEREAS it is expedient to change the existing provisions governing the Hensley Henson Fund, NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, and of all other powers enabling it, ENACTS, subject to the approval of Her Majesty in Council, AS FOLLOWS.

In the Schedule to the Statutes, delete Part 28 and substitute (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'Part 28: Hensley Henson Fund

28.1. The net income of the bequest by Bishop Herbert Hensley Henson, DD, Honorary Fellow of All Souls College, shall be used to support an annual lectureship for the delivery by an Ordained Minister of the Episcopal Church of England, the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, or the Church of Sweden appropriately qualified lecturer, of not less than four or more than six lectures in the University, under arrangements to be determined by the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, on the subject of 'The Appeal to History as an integral part of Christian apologetics'.

28.2. Any balance of income not required for the lectureship may at the discretion of the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion be applied in furtherance of the study of Theology in the University.'

Convocation 19 June

Elections

PROFESSOR OF POETRY

Details are in 'Elections' section below.

Congregation 24 June

(1) Encaenia

Mr Vice-Chancellor invites Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Heads of House, Heads of Division, holders of the Oxford Degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Civil Law, Medicine, Letters, Science, and Music, the Proctors, the Assessor, the Public Orator, the Professor of Poetry, the Registrar, the outgoing President of the Oxford University Student Union, and the Presidents of the Junior and Middle Common Rooms of Keble, St Hugh's and Jesus Colleges (as being the colleges of the Proctors and the Assessor) to partake of Lord Crewe's Benefaction to the University, meeting him in the Fellows' Garden of Exeter College at 10.30am on Wednesday, 24 June. Thence they will go in procession to the Sheldonian Theatre, where will be spoken the Oration in Commemoration of the Benefactors of the University according to the intention of the Right Honourable Nathaniel, Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham.

Note. Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Heads of House, Heads of Division and Doctors who propose to accept Mr Vice-Chancellor's invitation, and to be present in the Sheldonian Theatre, are requested to inform the Events Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square by email (events.office@admin.ox.ac.uk) or telephone (Oxford 280524) no later than **Wednesday, 17 June**. They are reminded that, while academic dress of other universities may (if desired) be worn at the Encaenia Garden Party, the appropriate Oxford academic dress should always be worn at the partaking of Lord Crewe's Benefaction and at the Encaenia ceremony.

(2) Honorary Degrees

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Professor Sir Richard Evans, historian, Regius Professor of History emeritus and President of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, Provost of Gresham College in the City of London, Fellow of the British Academy, Honorary Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford

Dame Hilary Mantel, author, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, two-time winner of the Booker Prize, recipient of the Bodley Medal

Professor Ruth Simmons, former President and Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies of Brown University, former President of Smith College, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, winner of the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Professor Wallace Broecker, PhD, Newberry Professor of Geology, Columbia University, Crafoord Prizewinner, Balzan Prizewinner, Member of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA, Foreign Member of the Royal Society

Professor Dame Ann Dowling, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Cambridge, President and Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Fellow of the Royal Society, Foreign Member of the US National Academy of Engineering and of the French Academy of Sciences

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, OM, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, Founder and Director of Research at the Harefield Heart Science Centre, Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and of the Royal Society

DOCTOR OF MUSIC

Jessye Norman, soprano, concert and opera singer, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, winner of the Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement, member of the French Legion of Honour

Note on procedures in Congregation

¶ Business in Congregation is conducted in accordance with Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/529-122.shtml). A printout of these regulations, or of any statute or other regulations, is available from the Council Secretariat on request. A member of Congregation seeking advice on questions relating to its procedures, other than elections, should contact Mrs F Burchett at the University Offices, Wellington Square (telephone: (2)80199; email: felicity.burchett@admin.ox.ac.uk); questions relating to elections should be directed to the Elections Officer, Ms S L S Mulvihill (telephone: (2)80463; email: elections.office@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Notices

General Notices

Encaenia

SHELDONIAN THEATRE

At the Encaenia to be held in the Sheldonian Theatre on 24 June, the Curators of the Theatre propose to allot seats as follows, and subject to availability, to those who apply for tickets:

- (a) one visitor's ticket each to Heads of Houses, Canons of Christ Church, members of Council, and certain other persons holding official positions in the University;
- (b) one visitor's ticket to each Professor;
- (c) one ticket to each member of Convocation (ie any matriculated member of the University on whom any degree of the University has been conferred, or any member of Congregation who does not hold such a degree).

Applications for tickets in the above categories, stating the name and standing of each person for whom a ticket is requested, should be made no later than **10 June** to the University Card Office, Examination Schools (email: university.card@ox.ac.uk). For security reasons, all requests for tickets must state the names of the persons for whom the tickets are intended.

Tickets for all other members of the University (ie those who have not been admitted to any degree of the University) will be distributed through college authorities. All applications for tickets in this category should be made to the college authorities and not to the University Card Office.

The gates and entrances to the Theatre will be opened at 10.45am and the proceedings will begin at 11.30am. Holders of tickets are requested to be in their places inside the Theatre by 11.15am.

All current members of the University are required to wear *subfusc* and full Oxford academic dress. Doctors will wear their robes and other graduates their hoods.

Appointments

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Michael Barnes, PhD Maryland, has been appointed to the Associate Professorship of Theoretical Physics, Department of Physics, in association with a Tutorial Fellowship at University College. From 1 October 2015 until 30 September 2019.

Dr Harald Oberhauser, MSc Vienna, PhD Camb, has been appointed to the Associate Professorship in Probability in the Mathematical Institute, in association with a Tutorial Fellowship at St Hugh's. From 1 September 2015 until 31 August 2020.

Medical Sciences

CONFERRMENTS OF TITLE

Associate Professor

The Medical Sciences Board has conferred the title of Associate Professor upon the following:

- Dr Karen Barker**, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Dr Sarah Blagden**, Department of Oncology
- Dr Gareth Bond**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Paul Brennan**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Francesca Buffa**, Department of Oncology
- Dr Carolyn Carr**, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
- Mr Timothy Child**, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Dr Jill Dawson**, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Dr Gwenaëlle Douaud**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Ms Susan Downes, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Fumiko Esashi**, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology
- Dr Panagiotis Filippakopoulos**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Anne Goriely**, Radcliffe Department of Medicine

- Dr Neil Herring**, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
- Dr Michele Hu**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Juha Huiskonen**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Timothy Humphrey**, Department of Oncology
- Dr Stephen Hyde**, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
- Dr Abhilash Jain**, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Dr Saad Jbabdi, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Edward Jenkinson**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Rajesh Kharbanda**, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
- Dr Simon Leedham**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Tamar Makin**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Victoria Marsh**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Borislava Mihaylova**, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Dr Saul Myerson**, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
- Dr Andrea Nemeth**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Sebastian Nijman**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Peter Oliver, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
- Dr Jill O'Reilly**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Jacqueline Palace**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Mr Hemant Pandit**, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Dr Jaideep Pandit**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Rebecca Park**, Department of Psychiatry
- Dr Daniel Prieto-Alhambra**, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Dr Margaret Redshaw**, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Dr Arturo Reyes-Sandoval**, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Oliverio Rivero-Arias**, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Dr Eduard Sanders, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Dr Annette Schuh**, Department of Oncology
- Dr Charlotte Stagg**, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- Dr Mark Stokes**, Department of Psychiatry

Dr Joel Tarning, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Jenny Taylor, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Elizabeth Tunbridge, Department of Psychiatry
Dr Ann Van Den Bruel, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences
Dr Vladyslav Vyazovskiy, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
Dr Bee Leng Wee, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Katja-Antoinett Wiech, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
Dr Daniel Wilson, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Ms Ruth Wrightson, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Dr Wyatt Yue, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Dejan Zurovac, Nuffield Department of Medicine

University Research Lecturer

The Medical Sciences Board has conferred the title of University Research Lecturer upon the following:

Dr Thomas Bowden, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Claire Carson, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Dr Phaik Yeong Cheah, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr John Christianson, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Mark Crabtree, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Erica Dall'Armellina, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Sarah de Val, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Gregory Fegan, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Lisa Heather, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
Dr Stephen Hicks, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
Dr Sally Hopewell, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
Dr Ruth Horn, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Ms Patricia Kingori, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Dr Samira Lakhali-Littleton, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
Dr Jose Leal, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Dr Demin Li, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Yoel Lubell, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Dr Sylvia McLain, Department of Biochemistry
Dr Dianne Newbury, Nuffield Department of Medicine
Dr Andrea Pellagatti, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Oliver Rider, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Christopher Rodgers, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Rachel Rowe, Nuffield Department of Population Health
Dr Jerome Sallet, Department of Experimental Psychology
Dr Matthew Simmonds, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
Dr Helen Townley, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Social Sciences

CONFERMENT OF TITLE

The Senior Appointments Panel has, on the recommendation of the Social Sciences Division, conferred the title of Professor of Comparative Politics on **Professor Petra Schleiter** with effect from 1 May 2015.

Visiting Professorships

Medical Sciences

NEWTON ABRAHAM VISITING PROFESSORSHIP IN THE MEDICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Mary Nuessen Carrington, BS Kansas, MS PhD Iowa State, Director and Senior Principal Scientist, Basic Sciences Program of Leidos Biomedical Research Inc, Frederick, Maryland, has been appointed to the Newton Abraham Visiting Professorship in the Medical, Biological and Chemical Sciences at the Nuffield Department of Medicine for a fixed-term period of 12 months from 1 June 2015 until 31 May 2016. Dr Carrington will be a fellow of Lincoln.

Musical and other Events

St Stephen's House

SJE ARTS

The following events will take place at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist Church, 109A Iffley Road, unless otherwise noted. More information and tickets: www.sje-oxford.org/events.html.

3 Jun: Pianist **Viv McLean** performs Bach, Liszt and Chopin. Tickets: £15 and £10 (students £10 and £5).

8pm, 10 Jun: Will Gregory Moog Ensemble. Stretching the possibilities of the legendary Moog Synthesiser. Tickets:

£8–£20 from www.ocmevents.org or in person/by phone from Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305).

11 Jun: Adderbury Ensemble with **Viv McLean**, piano, directed by **David Le Page**. Beethoven's *String Quartet Op 59 no 3*; Beethoven's *Piano Concerto no 4*. Tickets: £15 (£5 students and under 16s) from www.ticketsoxford.com. Free glass of wine or soft drink with every ticket.

13 Jun: Oxford Bach Choir with the Southbank Sinfonia (conductor **Tim Byram-Wigfield**). C P E Bach's *Magnificat* and Haydn's *Te Deum*. Tickets: £10–£30 from www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

15 Jun: Escher String Quartet plays Beethoven's *Quartet Op 18 no 5*, Mendelssohn's *Quartet No 5 in F minor, Op 80*, and Ravel's *Quartet*. Tickets: £18 (£5 students and under 18s).

18 Jun: **Nigel Clayton** and **Francesca Leonardi** - piano 4 hands. Programme includes Mozart, Schubert, Fauré and Brahms's *Hungarian Dances*. Tickets: £15 and £10 (students £10 and £5).

20 Jun: Commotio Summer Concert. Oxford's Contemporary Voices (director **Matthew Berry**) perform Bo Holten's *Pavane Fantasia* and works by Bednall, Duggan, Howells, Mäntyjärvi, McDowall, Runestad, Rutter and Stucky. Tickets: £12 (£6 concessions) from www.commotio.org.

27 Jun: Oxford Harmonic Choir performs Gounod's *St Cecilia Mass* and Schubert's *Mirjams Siegesgesang*. Tickets: £10–£16 (seniors £8–£14, students/u18s £5–£8) from <http://oxfordharmonicchoir.org/concerts>.

5pm, 28 Jun: East Oxford Prom Concert. Orchestral and choral music including Haydn's *Trumpet Concerto* and *Te Deum*. Tickets: £8 (£6 concessions, £3 under 18s) from www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

29 Jun: The Choir of Magdalen College performs Handel's *Messiah*. Accompanied by Oxford Baroque; **Daniel Hyde** directs from the keyboard. Tickets: £25 (£22/£2) from www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

30 Jun: Poetry Live with **Roger McGough**. A celebration of the variety of contemporary poetry, including works from his new collection, *As Far As I Know*. Tickets: £15/£12/£2 from www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

Lectures

Examinations and Boards

Social Sciences

Department of Politics and International Relations

OXFORD-SCIENCES PO PROGRAMME: KEYNOTE LECTURE

Professor Adrian Favell, Centre d'études européennes, Sciences Po, will present a keynote lecture at 5.30pm on 23 June in Seminar Room A, Manor Road Building. Open to all; sign-in on arrival. More information: www.politics.ox.ac.uk/departamental/immigration-integration-and-mobility-new-agendas-for-migration-studies-after-7-may-2015.html.

Subject: 'Immigration, integration and mobility: new agendas for migration studies after 7 May 2015'

Colleges, Halls and Societies

St Cross

ST CROSS SCIENCE LECTURE

Professor Frank Wilczek, Nobel Laureate, will give the 2015 St Cross Science Lecture at 5pm on 7 July in the Examination Schools, followed by a book-signing for his new book. Free, but booking required: www.stx.ox.ac.uk/beautiful-question-finding-nature%E2%80%99s-deep-design-booking-form.

Subject: 'A beautiful question - finding nature's deep design'

Supplication for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity

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Supplication for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine

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Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Elections

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Contested Elections

11 June

The following elections will be contested.

Council

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from members of the faculties in the divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and of Medical Sciences

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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Professor M S Williams, New College	MT 2019
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The following nominations have been received:

Matthew Freeman, MA Oxf, PhD Lond, Fellow of Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences

Nominated by:

Sir John Bell, Christ Church, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

A M Buchan, Corpus Christi, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

Dame Kay Davies, Hertford, Faculties of Physiological Sciences, and of Clinical Medicine

P W H Holland, Merton, Faculty of Zoology

C Kennard, Brasenose, Faculties of Psychological Studies, and of Clinical Medicine

J A Langdale, Queen's, Faculty of Plant Sciences

Sir Peter Ratcliffe, Magdalen, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

P A Robbins, Queen's, Faculty of Physiological Sciences

C V Robinson, Exeter, Faculty of Chemistry

M S P Sansom, Corpus Christi, Faculty of Biochemistry

Candidate statement:

I moved to Oxford in 2013 to become Head of the Dunn School of Pathology and a Fellow of Lincoln College, having spent the previous 20 years at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, where I became Head of Cell Biology. I study the mechanisms of communication between cells: how do they learn their fate?

It is a great privilege to join one of Europe's leading biomedical departments: our current strength and the Dunn School's renowned history make mine one of the most attractive jobs in UK science. There are also many challenges. Beyond learning the sometimes arcane ways of the University, my major goals are: to ensure that our preclinical teaching remains outstanding; to support the careers of our young scientists; and to recruit the very best academic researchers and teachers to Oxford.

These departmental goals underlie my interest in joining Council. I strongly believe that science is best done in interdisciplinary environments, so I am keen to see Oxford capitalise on its extraordinary strengths by encouraging greater interactions between disciplines, Departments and Divisions.

As a Head of Department, I am also very conscious of the difficult financial position that the University faces, and the consequent pressures this places on everyone. Sadly, this is unlikely to improve in the next few years, and I would like to help shape our response. My focus would be on protecting primary academic values: we must ensure that excellent scholarship and the best possible teaching are not compromised.

Michael Wooldridge, BSc CNA, MA Oxf, PhD UMIST, Fellow of Hertford, Faculty of Computer Science

Nominated by:

Professor Sir Drummond Bone, Master of Balliol, Faculty of English Language and Literature
 W N Hutton, Principal of Hertford
 P S Grant, St Catherine's, Faculty of Materials
 A N Halliday, Wadham, Faculty of Earth Sciences
 S D Howison, Christ Church, Faculty of Mathematics
 L Tarassenko, St John's, Faculty of Engineering Science

Candidate statement:

I am a Professor of Computer Science, and a Fellow of Hertford College. I joined Oxford in 2012, and took over as Head of Department of Computer Science in October 2014. I was heavily involved in the REF2014 preparations at Oxford, and I have served on MPLS Divisional Board since 2013. For Hertford, in addition to serving on Governing Body, I chair the college IT committee, and am a member of the college Dean of Degrees team. My research area is artificial intelligence, and my main research interests could be described as building computers that can collectively

solve problems, in much the same way that human teams do. I joined Oxford with an ERC Advanced Grant that funds my research for five years; I currently manage a team of five postdocs.

Serving on Council is an enormous responsibility for an institution of Oxford's international standing, and a huge challenge given the size, diversity, and byzantine complexity of the collegiate university. If elected, I would aim to challenge thinking that does not respect or advance our core academic values. I would strive to maintain and support all that is good about our unique historical environment, while accepting that we work in the modern world, with pressures and challenges that previous generations could never have anticipated. Above all, I would aim to be open-minded and non-partisan, representing the best interests of the entire collegiate university.

Note: Full details of Council's remit, composition, functions and powers can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/783-121.shtml.

Elected members of Council will ordinarily be expected to serve on a small number of other committees (typically between one and three, usually including at least one of the main committees of Council ie PRAC, GPC, Education Committee, Personnel Committee, Research Committee).

For further information, please contact the Deputy University Secretary (emma.rampton@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Committees reporting to Council

CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Two members of Congregation elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr K L Blackmon, Merton	MT 2019
Dr H O'Donoghue, Linacre	MT 2019

The following nominations have been received:

Vincent Gillespie, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

C M MacRobert, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculties of Medieval and Modern Languages and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
 A P M Orchard, Pembroke, Faculty of English Language and Literature
 S P Perry, Balliol, Faculty of English Language and Literature
 G P Tapsell, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of History

Candidate statement:

Thomas Bodley called libraries our 'singular treasure.' As a literary scholar and a medievalist, they are central to my working life. I have previously served as a Curator of the University Libraries from 2005 to 2011. I was a member of the Project Sponsor Group planning the Weston Library, now delivered and open. But new internal and external challenges (many of them financial), and changing demands on the collections from readers, mean that our libraries will need to remain nimble. There is no such thing as a 'steady-state' library: a new set of issues lurks round every corner of every bookstack. Open Access will have significant implications for libraries; electronic access continues to change the way the collection is stewarded and developed, not least in regard to Electronic Legal Deposit, which is in some ways more inflexible and restrictive for readers than physical Legal Deposit. The major challenge facing the libraries in the next five years will be the development of the Humanities building on the ROQ. The library provision on the site presents massive logistical and philosophical issues. As a former college Fellow Librarian, a former chair of a faculty library committee, and a former Curator, as well as a long-time user of special collections (almost old enough to qualify for my own shelfmark), I believe I have both the academic experience and the political understanding to be able to contribute to these new developments, and to make sure that older scholarly values get embedded into the ongoing remodelling.

N Purcell, MA Oxf, Fellow of Brasenose, Faculty of Classics, Sub-Faculty of Archaeology

Nominated by:

I W Archer, Keble, Faculty of History
 P R Ghosh, St Anne's, Faculty of History
 G O Hutchinson, Exeter, Faculty of Classics
 G A Johnson, Christ Church, Faculty of History
 T J Morgan, Oriel, Faculty of Classics
 R C T Parker, New College, Faculty of Classics, Sub-Faculty of Archaeology
 R B Rutherford, Christ Church, Faculty of Classics
 C J Wickham, All Souls, Faculty of History

Candidate statement:

Membership of the new OU Museums Board (on behalf of the Humanities Division) has made me appreciate the advantages and possibilities of shared administration and planning across scattered university institutions and collections (though it has also given me a realistic feel for the challenges). Other work which I have done with the Division and my Faculty has left me in no doubt about how vital and challenging this moment is in the history of Oxford's library systems. Meanwhile, through my own daily research activity I continue to be an appreciative and enthusiastic inheritor of our extraordinary resources in this area, and also have daily experience of many of the current radical changes in how scholarly information is deployed for research and teaching. For other reasons too, this is a peculiarly significant moment in the history of the Bodleian and other central collections, with the completion of the Weston Library and the revived planning process for the ROQ Humanities Library; but also (and still more demanding) in the extremely serious issue of the position of the continuing deployment, conservation, and enhancement of all the University's collected and constantly accumulating scholarly resources in its administrative and fiscal ecology. If elected as Curator, I should welcome the opportunity to contribute to discussion of all these matters.

HR Woudhuysen, MA DPhil Oxf, Rector of Lincoln, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

Sir Jonathan Phillips, Warden of Keble
 P A Madden, Provost of Queen's
 A M S Prochaska, Principal of Somerville, Faculty of History
 S E Brigden, Lincoln, Faculty of History
 C Y Ferdinand, Magdalen, Faculty of English Language and Literature
 M J A Freeman, Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences
 Sir Noel Malcolm, All Souls, Faculty of History
 R N N Robertson, Queen's, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
 H W Small, Pembroke, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Candidate statement:

I returned to Oxford in 2012 as Rector of Lincoln College after spending thirty years at University College, London. During the course of my academic career, I have worked mainly on English Literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, in particular on the transmission of texts and the material forms that they take. My interest in books and manuscripts has taken me to a wide range of libraries in the UK and the US and to spend a great deal of time using and working in the Bodleian and other University libraries.

From 2007 to 2012, I was an externally appointed Curator of the (then) Bodleian Libraries and would now like to serve on the Curators again as someone more closely involved in the life of the University and its colleges - I am currently Deputy Chair of the Conference of Colleges. One of my main concerns is to do what I can to make sure that the University Libraries' extraordinary range of activities are well funded and that they remain places where academics, students, and visitors can work efficiently and comfortably with the materials (digital as well as on paper) that they need. I am keen to ensure that the Libraries retain and develop their international standing as places of the best kinds of humanistic and scientific scholarship.

The Libraries face a period of financial difficulties and great opportunities, especially with the opening of the Weston Library; I would like to do all that I can to assist them.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (richard.ovenden@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

Other Committees and University Bodies

VISITORS OF THE BOTANIC GARDEN

One person elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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Professor H C J Godfray, Jesus	MT 2018
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The following nominations have been received:

S A Killoran, BA Hull, MA Oxf, PGDip Leeds, Fellow of Harris Manchester

Nominated by:

A L Duffell, Harris Manchester
 E C S Eve, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Theology
 V J Lill, Harris Manchester
 I C Ruiz Olaya, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Social Studies

Candidate statement:

I would very much like to be considered for this position. I have a great interest in gardens and gardening. I am a member of the RHS, the Abingdon Horticultural Society and every holiday involves visiting and admiring gardens of one sort or another. I have been involved for the past 2 years in growing plants for community beds in Abingdon with the emphasis to encourage planting for bees and butterflies. The Botanic Garden in Oxford is a very special space and place that everyone can enjoy at all times of the year, especially visitors to the city. I would be very interested in helping the staff of the Garden to fulfil their plans for the Garden and to work with the new Director of the Botanic Garden. There is a desire to increase visitor numbers, to share this very special part of Oxford, to expand the already very successful educational programmes and to exploit the history of the collection. As a librarian I hope my skills might prove to be of use to the committee. At the very least I hope my enthusiasm will be of service. I have served on the Governing Body of Harris Manchester College for 12 years and realise how important it is to contribute to meetings, to listen to others and to work as a member of a team.

C Sillero-Zubiri, BSc La Plata, DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Zoology

Nominated by:

F Lannon, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of History
 P J Johnson, Faculty of Zoology
 A Kacelnik, Pembroke, Faculty of Zoology
 D W MacDonald, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of Zoology

Candidate statement:

The Botanic Garden, with its great history, buildings and wonderful displays seem to me a great asset to the University. I am a Conservation Biologist working in Africa, Asia and South America, and have a particular interest in Afroalpine, Andean and aridlands biodiversity. As a resident in East Oxford for over two decades, I have been a regular visitor to the Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum. Often accompanied by my family I enjoy the different seasons at the Garden and Arboretum, with a predilection for the alpine house and the various geographic beds. I am grateful for the privilege of using these historical places for enjoyment, learning and meditation. Furthermore, I am interested in the academic purpose of botanic collections and the value of these collections as a vehicle for teaching and artistic expression.

I wish to join the Visitors of the Botanic Garden Committee to share my experience as a conservation scientist and a regular visitor, and make positive contributions to their future use and enjoyment by all Oxford residents.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (stephen.harris@plants.ox.ac.uk).

DELEGACY FOR MILITARY INSTRUCTION

One person elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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Dr C P MacKenzie, Green Templeton	MT 2019
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The following nominations have been received:

Chris Breward, MA MSc DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Mathematics

Nominated by:

S J Chapman, Mansfield, Faculty of Mathematics
S D Howison, Christ Church, Faculty of Mathematics
C P Please, Mansfield, Faculty of Mathematics
D J R Vella, Lincoln, Faculty of Mathematics

Candidate statement:

I have put myself forward to serve on the Delegacy for Military Instruction because I have a keen interest in Military and University affairs. I have been involved in the Air Cadet organisation as an Officer in the Training Branch of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve for the last 20 years and am currently overseeing six Air Training Corps Squadrons in South and West Oxfordshire. Within the University I am a tutor at Christ Church, a CDT Director and was the REF coordinator for Mathematical Sciences in the 2014 exercise. My experiences "both sides of the fence" have given me valuable insights which I think will be of benefit to the Delegacy and to the students involved in the Oxford University Officers Training Corps, the University Air Squadron, and the University Royal Naval Unit.

C P MacKenzie, MA Oxf, MEd Sydney, PhD ANU, Faculty of Law

Nominated by:

R A Cooper, Brasenose, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
P O Daley, Jesus, Faculty of Anthropology and Geography
N R Moore, Green Templeton, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
H A W Neil, Wolfson, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

[No candidate statement submitted.]

Notes:

Nominations in writing for the elections on 11 June, by four members of Congregation other than the candidate, were received by the Elections Office, University Offices, Wellington Square, up to 4pm on 14 May.

Candidates were invited to include with their nomination forms a written statement of no more than 250 words setting out his or her reasons for standing and qualifications for the office being sought. These statements are now available online at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/elections and published in this issue of the *Gazette*. Please note that nominees' college affiliations are only given where the nominee is a governing body fellow of their college.

Ballot papers will be sent out to members of Congregation. Completed ballot papers must be received by the Elections Office not later than **4pm on 11 June**.

For further information, please contact the Elections Officer (shirley.mulvihill@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Uncontested Elections

Nominations for these elections closed at 4pm on Thursday, 14 May 2015. As the number of nominations received is no more than sufficient to fill the following vacancies, the candidates nominated below shall be deemed to be duly elected as of Thursday, 14 May 2015 (as per Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002, regulations 8.2(3) and 8.2(6); Council Regulations 17 of 2002, regulations 22 and 26; and Council Regulations 19 of 2002, regulations 40 and 44). For the purposes of elections, academic standing is as defined in Council Regulations 22 of 2002, Part 2: Academic Precedence and Standing, made by Council on 26 June 2002.

Council

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from members of the faculties in the divisions of Humanities and of Social Sciences

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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Dr E J Smith, Hertford	MT 2019
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The following nomination has been received:

Kate Blackmon, BSc Clemson, BA Queens (Charlotte), MBA PhD North Carolina, Fellow of Merton, Faculty of Management

Nominated by:

DN Barron, Jesus, Faculty of Management
M Chen-Wishart, Merton, Faculty of Law
S E Dopson, Green Templeton, Faculties of Social Studies and of Management
H Ertl, Linacre, Faculty of Social Studies
R A McCabe, Merton, Faculty of English Language and Literature
C W Quinn, Wolfson, Said Business School
P Tufano, Balliol, Faculty of Management

One member of Congregation, not necessarily being a member of any division and not in any case being nominated in a divisional capacity, elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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Dr F Lannon, Lady Margaret Hall	MT 2017
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The following nomination has been received:

Sir Rick Trainor, BA Brown, MA DPhil Oxf, MA Princeton, Rector of Exeter, Faculty of History

Nominated by:

Professor Sir Drummond Bone, Master of Balliol, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Sir Jonathan Phillips, Warden of Keble
H R Woudhuysen, Rector of Lincoln, Faculty of English Language and Literature

DC Clary, President of Magdalen, Faculty of Chemistry

Dame Lynne Brindley, Master of Pembroke

Sir Gordon Duff, Principal of St Hilda's
A M S Prochaska, Principal of Somerville, Faculty of History

Sir Ivor Crewe, Master of University College, Faculty of Social Studies

Dame Hermione Lee, President of Wolfson, Faculty of English Language and Literature

JL Johnson, Exeter, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Note: Full details of Council's remit, composition, functions and powers can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/783-121.shtml.

Elected members of Council will ordinarily be expected to serve on a small number of other committees (typically between one and three, usually including at least one of the main committees of Council ie PRAC, GPC, Education Committee, Personnel Committee, Research Committee).

For further information, please contact the Deputy University Secretary (emma.rampton@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Committees reporting to Council

CONTINUING EDUCATION BOARD

One member of the Department for Continuing Education elected by and from among the members of the department

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr T C Buchanan, Kellogg	MT 2018

The following nomination has been received:

N Ghanea, BA PhD Keele, MA Leeds, MA Oxf, Fellow of Kellogg, Faculty of Law

Nominated by:

I Baptista, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education

E A Gemmill, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education

C I R O'Mahony, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education

A Ross, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education

Note: For the purposes of this election, the members of the department are the professors, readers, University lecturers and other staff on grade 8 and above who work in the department.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (peter.gambles@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Other Committees and University Bodies

VISITORS OF THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor M J Burden, New College	MT 2019

The following nomination has been received:

H L Spencer, BA Newc, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Exeter, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

Sir Rick H Trainor, Rector of Exeter, Faculty of History

M D Damazer, Master of St Peter's
C A J Ballinger, Exeter

H R Dorkins, St Peter's, Faculty of Physiological Sciences

E J Smith, Hertford, Faculty of English Language and Literature

A B Zavatsky, St Edmund Hall, Faculty of Engineering Science

Note: Further information on the Visitors can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/489-112.shtml.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (emma.brown@ashmus.ox.ac.uk).

DELEGACY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ECCLESIASTICAL BENEFICES

Two members of Congregation elected by Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor V D Cunningham, Corpus Christi	MT 2021
Dr S J Gunn, Merton	MT 2021

The following nomination has been received:

Simon M Jones, BA MA Durh, MA DPhil Oxf, PhD Camb, Fellow of Merton, Faculty of Theology

Nominated by:

K L Blackmon, Merton, Faculty of Management

S R I Foot, Christ Church, Faculty of Theology

R J C Gilbert, Magdalen, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

S J Gunn, Merton, Faculty of History

For further information, please contact the Secretary (tora.pickup@admin.ox.ac.uk).

VISITATORIAL BOARD PANEL

Three persons elected by and from Congregation

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr N Bowles, Corpus Christi	MT 2019
Dr H O'Donoghue, Linacre	MT 2019
Dr L J Smith, Harris Manchester	MT 2019

The following nominations have been received:

Heather O'Donoghue, BA Lond, MA MPhil DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Linacre, Faculties of English Language and Literature and of Medieval and Modern Languages

Nominated by:

Council, under Regulation 2.(2)(c) of Council Regulations 36 of 2002

Lesley Smith, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Harris Manchester, Faculties of History and of Social Studies

Nominated by:

Council, under Regulation 2.(2)(c) of Council Regulations 36 of 2002

Note: Further information on the board can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/353-051a.shtml and www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/248-062.shtml.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (felicity.burchett@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Divisional Boards**HUMANITIES BOARD**

One person elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor M J Smith, University College	MT 2016

The following nomination has been received:

Margaret Hillenbrand, MA Camb, MSc Edin, DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Wadham, Faculty of Oriental Studies

Nominated by:

- J M Bray, St John's, Faculty of Oriental Studies
- B M Frellesvig, Hertford, Faculties of Oriental Studies and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
- J B Lewis, Wolfson, Faculty of Oriental Studies
- D Rechter, St Antony's, Faculties of History and of Oriental Studies

For further information, please contact the Secretary (lynne.hirsch@humanities.ox.ac.uk).

MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES BOARD

One person elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Chemistry

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor C J Schofield, Hertford	MT 2019

The following nomination has been received:

Philip Mountford, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of St Edmund Hall, Faculty of Chemistry

Nominated by:

- P D Beer, Wadham, Faculty of Chemistry
- T P Softley, Merton, Faculty of Chemistry
- A S Weller, Magdalen, Faculty of Chemistry
- M C Willis, Lincoln, Faculty of Chemistry

For further information, please contact the Secretary (saira.shaikh@mpls.ox.ac.uk).

Faculty Boards**BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF CLASSICS**

Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Sub-faculty of Classical Languages and Literature

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr R M Armstrong, St Hilda's	MT 2017
Dr R B Rutherford, Christ Church	MT 2017

The following nomination has been received:

R M Armstrong, BA MSt DPhil Oxf, Fellow of St Hilda's

Nominated by:

- W D C de Melo, Wolfson
- P G Fowler, Worcester
- F Macintosh, St Hilda's
- L W G Morgan, Brasenose

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@classics.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Four persons elected by and from the members of the Faculty of English Language and Literature

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
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- Professor E D Boehmer, Wolfson MT 2017
- Professor S C P Horobin, Magdalen MT 2017
- Professor J C G Pitcher, St John's MT 2017
- Professor D L Wakelin, St Hilda's MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Francis P V Leneghan, BA MPhil PhD Dub, Fellow of St Cross

Nominated by:

- V A Gillespie, Lady Margaret Hall
- S C P Horobin, Magdalen
- H O'Donoghue, Linacre
- N E R Perkins, St Hugh's

Kate McLoughlin, MA MSt DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Harris Manchester

Nominated by:

- N A Halmi, University College
- S C P Horobin, Magdalen
- F R Johnston, St Anne's
- S P Perry, Balliol

Daniel Wakelin, MA PhD Camb, Fellow of St Hilda's

Nominated by:

- V A Gillespie, Lady Margaret Hall
- S C P Horobin, Magdalen
- H O'Donoghue, Linacre
- N E R Perkins, St Hugh's

Abigail Williams, MA MPhil DPhil Oxf, Fellow of St Peter's

Nominated by:

- N A Halmi, University College
- S C P Horobin, Magdalen
- F R Johnston, St Anne's
- S P Perry, Balliol

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@classics.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF HISTORY

Nine persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of History holding posts on the establishment or under the aegis of the board

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor J C Belich, Balliol	MT 2017
Professor T C Buchanan, Kellogg	MT 2017
Professor P Corsi, Linacre	MT 2017
Dr A M Gregory, Pembroke	MT 2017
Dr D M Hopkin, Hertford	MT 2017
Dr B E Jackson, University College	MT 2017
Dr M S Kempshall, Wadham	MT 2017
Professor K H A O'Rourke, All Souls	MT 2017
Dr G Tapsell, Lady Margaret Hall	MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

J C Belich, BA MA Wellington, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Balliol

Nominated by:

- P Corsi, Linacre
- P L Gauci, Lincoln
- S C Mortimer, Christ Church
- L A Roper, Oriel

A M Gajda, BA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Jesus

Nominated by:

- P Corsi, Linacre
- P L Gauci, Lincoln
- S C Mortimer, Christ Church
- L A Roper, Oriel

R N Gildea, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Worcester

Nominated by:

- P Corsi, Linacre
- P L Gauci, Lincoln
- S C Mortimer, Christ Church
- L A Roper, Oriel

A F F Green, MA Oxf, Fellow of Brasenose

Nominated by:

- P Corsi, Linacre
- P L Gauci, Lincoln
- S C Mortimer, Christ Church
- L A Roper, Oriel

M Harrison, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Green Templeton

Nominated by:

- I W Archer, Keble
- K J Humphries, All Souls
- L A Roper, Oriel
- J L Watts, Corpus Christi

D M Hopkin, MA PhD Camb, Fellow of Hertford

Nominated by:

I W Archer, Keble
K J Humphries, All Souls
L A Roper, Oriel
J L Watts, Corpus Christi

M E Mulholland, MA Oxf, Fellow of St Catherine's

Nominated by:

P Corsi, Linacre
P L Gauci, Lincoln
S C Mortimer, Christ Church
L A Roper, Oriel

K H A O'Rourke, BA TCD, PhD Harvard, Fellow of All Souls

Nominated by:

P Corsi, Linacre
P L Gauci, Lincoln
S C Mortimer, Christ Church
L A Roper, Oriel

J L Watts, MA PhD Camb, MA Oxf, Fellow of Corpus Christi

Nominated by:

P Corsi, Linacre
P L Gauci, Lincoln
S C Mortimer, Christ Church
L A Roper, Oriel

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@history.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS, PHILOLOGY AND PHONETICS

Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor M D Maiden, Trinity	MT 2017
Dr S Paoli, Balliol	MT 2017

The following nomination has been received:

Martin Maiden, MA MPhil PhD Camb, MA Oxf, Fellow of Trinity

Nominated by:

J S Coleman, Wolfson
J M Fellerer, Wolfson
A Lahiri, Somerville
J C Smith, St Catherine's

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@ling-phil.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF MUSIC

Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Music

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr R W Allen, St Peter's	MT 2017
Professor M J Burden, New College	MT 2017

The following nomination has been received:

Mark Doffman, BA Lond, MA Sheff, PhD Open, Faculty of Music

Nominated by:

E Clarke, Wadham
J Cross, Christ Church
M Harry, St Hilda's
E E Leach, St Hugh's

H J Hope, MSt DPhil Oxf, MA Weimar, Faculty of Music

Nominated by:

R W Allen, St Peter's
L Dreyfus, Magdalen
D M Grimley, Merton
E E Leach, St Hugh's
R A Moore, New College
L Tunbridge, St Catherine's

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@music.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

Three persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Philosophy

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Professor R S Crisp, St Anne's	MT 2017
Dr O E E Pooley, Oriel	MT 2017
Dr D M W Wallace, Balliol	MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Martin Davies, BA Monash, BPhil MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Corpus Christi

Nominated by:

H R Brown, Wolfson
E R F Harcourt, Keble
T Moore, Divisional Administration
G J Rodriguez-Pereyra, Oriel

Guy Kahane, BPhil DPhil Oxf, BA Tel Aviv, Fellow of Pembroke

Nominated by:

H R Brown, Wolfson
M K Davies, Corpus Christi
E R F Harcourt, Keble
G J Rodriguez-Pereyra, Oriel

Christopher G Timpson, BPhil MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Brasenose

Nominated by:

H R Brown, Wolfson
M K Davies, Corpus Christi
E R F Harcourt, Keble
G J Rodriguez-Pereyra, Oriel

For further information, please contact the Secretary (david.gardner@philosophy.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

Four Ordinary Members elected by and from all members of the faculty exclusive of the persons qualified to be Official Members as per Regulation 10 of Council Regulations 19 of 2002

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Dr R A Ellis, Regent's Park	MT 2017
Professor G D Flood, Wolfson	MT 2017
Dr S L Hausner, St Peter's	MT 2017
Dr D N Lincicum, Mansfield	MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Robert Ellis, MA DPhil Oxf, Principal of Regent's Park

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Gavin Flood, BA MA PhD Lanc, MA Oxf, Fellow of Wolfson

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
D MacCulloch, St Cross
J C Westerhoff, Lady Margaret Hall
W D Wood, Oriel

S E Gillingham, BTh Nott, MA PGCE Exe, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Worcester

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Sondra Leslie Hausner, BA Princeton, MA PhD Cornell, Fellow of St Peter's

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Three Official Members elected by all members of the faculty and from the persons qualified to be Official Members as per Regulation 10 of Council Regulations 19 of 2002

<i>Current/Retiring Member</i>	<i>To hold office until</i>
Canon Professor N J Biggar, Christ Church	MT 2017
Canon Professor S R I Foot, Christ Church	MT 2017
Canon Professor G J Ward, Christ Church	MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Sarah Foot, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

C Harrison, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Graham Ward, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:

E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

For further information, please contact the Secretary (alison.broadby@theology.ox.ac.uk).

Notes:

Nominations in writing for the elections on 11 June, by four members of Congregation other than the candidate, were received by the Elections Office, University Offices, Wellington Square, up to 4pm on 14 May. For further information, please contact the Elections Officer (shirley.mulvihill@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Lapsed Vacancies

As no nominations were received, the following vacancies have now lapsed and, in accordance with the regulations, must remain vacant until an appointment is made jointly by the Proctors and Vice-Chancellor.

Any eligible member of Congregation who wishes to be considered for appointment to one of these vacancies is asked to contact the Elections Officer (shirley.mulvihill@admin.ox.ac.uk) by **11 June**.

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from among members of the faculties in the divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and of Medical Sciences who shall not serve on Council or on any committee which in the view of Council has mainline executive authority within the University, or hold any office in the University or any college which involves executive authority to hold office until Hilary term 2017.

BUILDINGS AND ESTATES SUBCOMMITTEE

One person elected by Congregation to hold office until Michaelmas term 2018.

DELEGACY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ECCLESIASTICAL BENEFICES

One of two members of Congregation elected by Congregation to hold office until Michaelmas term 2021.

COMMITTEE FOR THE RUSKIN SCHOOL OF ART

Two other persons holding teaching posts in the Ruskin School, who shall be elected by all those holding such posts except the Ruskin Master of Drawing under arrangements as per Council Regulations 19 of 2002, regulations 31–39 to hold office until Michaelmas term 2018.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP

Two persons not also being members of Council elected by and from Congregation to hold office until Michaelmas term 2022.

VISITATORIAL BOARD PANEL

One of three persons elected by and from Congregation to hold office until Michaelmas term 2019.

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF CLASSICS

One of two persons elected by and from among the members of the Sub-faculty of Classical Languages and Literature to hold office until Michaelmas term 2017.

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS, PHILOLOGY AND PHONETICS

One of two persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics to hold office until Michaelmas term 2017.

Convocation

19 June

Election of the Professor of Poetry

Nominations for this election closed on 6 May.

An election by Convocation will be held in Trinity term 2015 in order to elect the Professor of Poetry, to hold office for four years from the first day of Michaelmas term 2015. A meeting of Convocation will be held on Friday, 19 June 2015, to announce the results.

DUTIES AND STIPEND OF THE PROFESSOR

The duties of the professor are: normally to give one public lecture each term; to deliver an inaugural lecture; normally to offer one more event each term; to give the Creweian Oration at Encaenia every other year (a duty established by convention); each year, to be one of the judges for the Newdigate Prize, the Lord Alfred Douglas Prize and the Chancellor's English Essay Prize; every third year to help judge the prize for the English poem on a sacred subject; and generally to encourage the art of poetry in the University.

The professor receives a stipend of £12,000 per annum plus £40 for each Creweian Oration. The professor may hold the post in conjunction with another professorship or readership within the University. The post enjoys an association with All Souls College but there may be occasions when the postholder is offered an association by another college (eg if the postholder has a prior association with another college).

Further particulars of the professorship are available on the University website (www.ox.ac.uk/poetryprofessor2015). Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Chair of the Faculty of English (seamus.perry@ell.ox.ac.uk).

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Eligibility to vote in this election

All members of Convocation who wish to vote in this election must first register their intention to vote (see 'Voter registration' below).

Convocation consists of all the former student members of the University who have been admitted to a degree (other than an honorary degree) of the University, and of any other persons who are members of Congregation or who have retired having been members of Congregation on the date of their retirement.

Membership of Convocation is conferred automatically to members of Congregation whose names have been entered in the Register of Congregation and to degree holders after having attended a formal degree ceremony (either in person or *in absentia*). Those wishing to verify their current status as members of Convocation are asked to contact their college secretary or departmental administrator.

The functions of Convocation are set out in the University Statutes (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/780-121.shtml).

Eligibility to stand for election

The single criterion for eligibility, in addition to not having held the Professorship on a previous occasion, is that candidates be of sufficient distinction to be able to fulfil the duties of the post.

Eligibility to nominate in this election

All members of Convocation were entitled to nominate a candidate in this election (see 'Nominations' below). Please note that members also wishing to vote must also register their intention to vote (see 'Voter registration' below).

Nominations

Nominations by 50 members of Convocation other than the candidate were received by the Elections Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square, up to 4pm on Wednesday, 6 May. The list of all those nominated by the deadline was published in the *Gazette* of 14 May and is repeated below.

Candidate statements

Each candidate for election, or authorised representative, was permitted to submit for publication a written statement, of no more than 500 words, setting out the candidate's reasons for standing, including for publication one photograph of themselves and one URL to the candidate's

own website if they so wished. These statements were received by the Elections Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square, by 4pm on Wednesday, 6 May. These statements were first published in the 14 May issue of the *University Gazette* and on the official University website, and are repeated below.

Congregation flysheets

Ten or more members of Congregation may arrange to have a flysheet circulated with the *Gazette* in regard to this election. The rules made by Council governing the circulation of flysheets are given in Appendix B of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/529-122b.shtml#_Toc28141352).

Voting arrangements

As this election is contested, a ballot will be conducted by the Electoral Reform Services in accordance with the following procedures and the results announced at a meeting of Convocation on Friday, 19 June.

Voter registration

Members of Convocation must register their intention to vote. To register to vote, please go to the registration site www.votebyinternet.com/oxfordpoetry15. Once you have submitted your request to register **and confirmed this via an emailed link to your email account**, your details will be checked to ensure you are a member of Convocation. You will be notified by email if your request has been **unsuccessful**. The registration period is now open and will close at **noon on Monday, 8 June 2015 (BST)**. If you are unable to register online, or have any queries about the registration process, please send an email to Alex Lonie (alex.lonie@electoralreform.co.uk) or telephone +44 020 8365 8909.

Voting

Registered voters now have the option of voting, either online or in person at the University Offices, **until noon on Wednesday, 17 June (BST)**. Voters who have registered to vote online will be sent instructions on how to vote once their eligibility to vote has been verified. To allow time for verification of eligibility, members wishing to vote in person must register at least five working days before collecting their ballot paper from the University Offices at Wellington Square, Oxford, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Members voting in person must bring some form of photo identification, such as a University card, Bodleian reader's card, new-style driving licence or passport.

Result of the contested election

The result of the contested election will be announced by the Proctors in a meeting of Convocation at 4pm on Friday, 19 June, in Convocation House. Members of Convocation wishing to attend the meeting are asked to note that the wearing of gowns is optional. The result will subsequently be reported on the University's website and published in the *Gazette*.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Chair of the Faculty of English (seamus.perry@ell.ox.ac.uk).

Further information about election procedures may be found in Council Regulations 8 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/1089-120.shtml).

Those wishing to verify their current status as members of Convocation are asked to contact their college secretary or departmental administrator.

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In the issues of the *Gazette* published on 14 and 21 May 2015, the following individuals were erroneously recorded as having nominated Seán Haldane rather than Simon Armitage: M R Gifford, Trinity, and H Asari, Trinity. The lists above have now been corrected.

Candidates' statements

SIMON ARMITAGE

I fell under poetry's spell when I was fifteen and have remained under its influence ever since. At first I only wanted to read poetry, then eventually and inevitably wanted to try my hand at the stuff. Now, after so many years in the field, I feel I have plenty to say on the subject and a desire to talk and write *about* it. It's for that reason and at this time that I have put myself forward for the position of Professor of Poetry.

I believe the post has been well served by active poets. By poet-professors whose critical responses were shaped through both reading and writing, and who experienced the exasperations and ecstasies of putting poems together as well as the pleasures and pains of taking them apart. I would maintain the tradition of giving one formal lecture per term, the emphasis being on close reading of past and contemporary work, right up to the present day (and with accompanying texts, courtesy of my assistant PowerPoint!). The watchword will be *craft*. I'd also use the platform to discuss the situation of poetry and poets in the twenty-first century, to address the obstacles and opportunities brought about by changes in education, changes in reading habits, the internet, poetry's decreasing 'market share', poetry's relationship with the civilian world and the (alleged) long, lingering death of the book. Following the example of the current post-holder, who knows, I might even break into song. Practicalities permitting, I'd also organise seminars or workshops for students who have ambitions of their own as poets, and encourage established poets to visit Oxford to read and talk about their work, so we might learn by example.

Most poets are critics at some level, and at some stage find themselves employed as teachers of poetry. Since 2011 I have been Professor of Poetry at the University of Sheffield, and before that held lectureships and professorships at the Universities of Manchester Metropolitan, Leeds, Falmouth

and the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop, plus further teaching positions in this country and the United States. In March of this year at the invitation of Trinity College I gave the Hillary Lecture at Oxford. But rather than my teaching CV, I offer as credentials my passion for poetry, my reputation as a communicator and an advocate for my chosen art form, my track record as a published poet, and my work as a poet for theatre, radio, television and as a translator of Middle English verse. I don't have a manifesto, except to say that if there is a more suitable applicant then please vote for that person, but if Oxford saw fit to appoint a self-schooled poet who views poetry from a hill above a Yorkshire village, then I would be greatly excited and deeply honoured to take on the challenge. A former Oxford Professor of Poetry, Robert Graves, once described poetry as a continual, lifelong apprenticeship, and to that end it would be an adventure and an education. Website: www.simonarmitage.com.

IAN GREGSON

I want to stand for the Professorship of Poetry to address the major issue facing contemporary poetry, which is, nonetheless, the one most shunned in the poetry world: how poetry has suffered, in recent decades, a catastrophic loss of cultural prestige and popularity.

Poetry isn't dead, or even dying, but it is being relegated to the status of a geeky, minority pursuit. The decline is not mostly the fault of poets. It has been driven by astonishing changes in the culture, especially over the past thirty years. This is a turning point: five hundred years, in which poetry and indeed the poet played a central role in the culture, are at an end. You could, now, be as talented but self-destructive as Dylan Thomas, or you could fight a corrosive but symptomatic gender battle like Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, but go unnoticed.

Poetic difficulty is regarded with suspicion in the twenty-first century in a way that it wasn't in the 1920s, when a large readership tackled *The Waste Land*. Eliot's poem acquired enormous currency and influenced everyone with intellectual interests. Its rebarbative content and form were regarded with respect and fascination.

But such features are now distrusted in poetry, following a radical shift in sensibility. The initiating factor was the rise of popular culture to a position of dominance in the 1960s. Television in particular shaped a crucial shift in which the visual took the upper hand over the verbal, and thus, the literary.

The most damaging changes for poetry, however, came in the 1980s, when television was joined by the new media. It is not the content of the internet that's the problem but its form. No matter how many poems are mounted on the web, the sensibility it creates is indifferent to poetry. This is a medium which ranks words below images, and delivers those images at great speed. It is the opposite of poetry, which, in this context, is made to seem ponderously slow, atavistically verbal, and snobbishly inaccessible.

I would use the high profile of the Oxford Professorship of Poetry to draw attention to the marginal status of contemporary poetry. In suggesting how poetry can be brought back into the centre of the culture, I will draw on my experience as an established poet and novelist, and as a cultural critic. I have two substantial collections of poetry with *Salt* (and a third forthcoming with *Parthian*). For these, I was shortlisted for the Forward prize, received a Gregory award, and was the *Guardian's* poet of the week in 2014. My two novels are with Cinnamon Press, and I have published six monographs on contemporary writing. My poems, reviews, and commentary have appeared in the *LA Times*, the *THES*, the *TLS*, and *Guardian*, as well as in poetry world publications like the *North*, *Poetry Review*, and *Poetry Wales*. Samples of my work can be seen on my website: www.iangregson.co.uk.

SEÁN HALDANE

When I was nominated for Professor of Poetry in 2010 and came third out of eleven, there was some debate about whether the post required an Oxford insider or an outsider. I claim to be both, in that I lived the Oxford experience as an undergraduate and got a First in English, but I have never been an academic. I resolved early never to make a living from poetry or by teaching it, and that any earnings from my poems would go towards publishing poetry by others. The main published books of my own poems are: *Skindiving* (Ladysmith Press, 1972), *Desire in Belfast* (Blackstaff Press, 1992), *Lines from the Stone Age and Always Two - Collected Poems 1966-2009* (Greenwich Exchange, 2000 and 2009). *The Memory Tree - Poems 2009-2015* will be published this year.

I have worked as a small press publisher, part-time farmer, writer, and clinical psychologist/neuropsychologist in various health services - including the NHS, where I established Memory Clinics in East London - and as an expert witness in civil and criminal court cases. I still have a part-time practice in London in neuropsychology

supervision and psychotherapy. From 1968 to 1972 I was co-publisher at The Ladysmith Press, in Québec, which published over 20 books by young poets. In 2013 I founded Rún Press, Ireland, which publishes 'Pocket Poems', small hardbacks of the Complete Poems of poets whose work has previously not been fully collected. Its first books (2014) are the *Poems of Valentin Iremonger* and *The Poems of Martin Seymour-Smith*.

Across the decades I have published books on practical psychology, 'student guides' on Donne and Hardy, collections of poems, editions of poets (Trumbull Stickney, Kenneth Leslie), essays on poets and poetry in various periodicals (mainly the Scottish-American poetry magazine, Dark Horse, and The Reader), and two books on the nature of poetry - *What Poetry Is* (1970) and *Time / No Time - the Paradox of Poetry and Physics* (2014). I now also write novels. *The Devil's Making - A Victorian Detective Mystery* won the Canadian Best Crime Novel award 2014 and is being published in a new US edition by Macmillan in 2015.

When I was at Oxford the Professor of Poetry was Robert Graves. His lectures were provocative. I remember undergraduates saying 'He can't mean it!' But he kept an open door when at St John's, and I and many others felt free to visit him. In private he was as frank as in his lectures. As Professor of Poetry I would establish just such an open presence.

I would lecture on such things as: What Poetry Is and Is Not; Poetry, Brain and Body; Paradox in Poetry and Physics; Poetry in Different Englishes; Poetry and Music. The poetry I know best is in English, but I am also at home with French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Gaelic (Irish and Scottish). If elected I shall finally be breaking my resolution not to teach poetry, but shall square that by channelling part of the stipend into publishing it. See www.seanhaldane.com.

A E STALLINGS

I studied Classics at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Georgia, and later at Oxford. This was how I trained to be a poet, as many of my favourite poets had studied Classics. Many of my early poems were informed by Greek mythology, but my relationship to Greece has deepened and changed since I moved in 1999 to Athens, Greece, where I am a writer, wife of a journalist, and mother of two bilingual children.

I admire free verse and prose poems, but I write what I love, received forms, in rhyme and meter. When asked whether

form somehow limits the poet, I reply that form is freeing, it is about giving up control to something outside the self (call it the subconscious, call it the Muse). Rhyme schemes. It is not ornament, but a method of composition, a kind of echolocation. Form frees you from what you want to say. While I write mostly short lyrics, my translation of didactic and narrative poems (Lucretius, Kornaros, Hesiod), has taught me something about the building of long poems. And I agree with Kenneth Rexroth that translation saves us from our contemporaries.

It is not only the making of poems that interests me, but memorizing and speaking them. Being active in the spoken-word scene in the States in the 1990s confirmed to me that audiences enjoy listening to rhyme and rhythm as much as I enjoy working in them. Performance also taught me about revision, to cut anything that goes slack in utterance. Learning poetry by heart is, as the phrase suggests, an embodiment. Poetry lives for as long as it flies living through the mouths of men (and women). If elected, I would speak on a variety of topics, including the problems and possibilities of translation, poets in other languages (such as modern Greek), the Classical tradition, the gears and springs of technique, the resonance between poems, and on new poets and poets fallen out of fashion. I love teaching and mentoring, and have extensive experience with leading workshops (I have co-taught with Mark Strand), craft lectures, and close reading. When in Oxford, I would keep an open door, and generally make myself available for discussion and debate, and for those who would like advice on their poetry writing, to offer it. It would be an honour to profess poetry. For more information, please see: www.aestallings.wix.com/aestallings.

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