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## Council and Main Committees

### General Purposes Committee of Council

#### Changes to Regulations

The General Purposes Committee of Council has made the following changes in regulations, to come into effect on **28 June**.

(a) **Man Professorship in Quantitative Finance**

**Explanatory Note**

The following changes, made on the recommendation of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board, update the duties of the professor in the regulations.

**Text of Regulations**

In Council Regulations 24 of 2002, amend §96 regulation 9 as follows (new text underlined):

> '9. The Man Professor in Quantitative Finance shall undertake research in and shall lecture and give instruction in quantitative finance and generally promote its study in the University.'

(b) **Sasakawa Fund**

**Explanatory Note**

These changes, made at the request of the Sasakawa Fund Board, amend the composition of the board. The opportunity is taken to update the language of regulations 3 and 4.

**Text of Regulations**

In Council Regulations 25 of 2002, amend §321 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

> §321. Sasakawa Fund

1. The University accepts with deep gratitude a benefaction of 200,000,000 Yen from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation to establish a fund, to be known as the Sasakawa Fund, to be applied to the advancement within the University of knowledge and understanding of Japan by way of academic contact and exchange between members of the University and citizens of Japan.

2. The fund shall be administered by a board of management, one member to be appointed by each of the Boards of the Divisions of Humanities, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences, and Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, for such periods as the Divisions think fit, which shall consist of:

   (1) a member of Congregation appointed by Council, not necessarily being a member of any division and not in any case being appointed in a divisional capacity, who shall chair the board;

   (2), (3) up to two persons appointed by the board of the Humanities Division;

   (4), (5) up to two persons appointed by the board of the Social Sciences Division;

   (6) one person appointed by the board of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division;

   (7) one person appointed by the board of the Medical Sciences Division.

Members shall serve for such periods as the appointing body sees fit.

3. The income of the fund shall be applied to the funding of travel and research in Japan by senior or junior members of the University of Oxford; of study in Oxford by Japanese scholars or students; of the appointment of junior research fellows or research assistants in Oxford; of conferences in Oxford connected with Japan; of publications and of library and other related purposes; or in any other manner which the board of management shall consider will promote the purposes of the fund as expressed in clause regulation 1 above.

4. Council shall have power to amend this decree regulation from time to time, provided always that the main purpose of the fund as defined in clause regulation 1 above is maintained.'

(c) **Said Business School and Business Advisory Council**

**Explanatory Note**

The following changes amend the Trust Regulations governing the Said Business School and Global Leadership Council to allow more flexibility in the internal/executive composition of its School Board.

**Text of Regulations**

In Council Regulations 25 of 2002, amend §318 regulation 4 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

> 4. (1) There shall be a School Board consisting of:

   (a) a representative of the University appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;

   (b) a representative of the Social Sciences Division appointed by the Head of the Social Sciences Division;

   (c) the Chair of the Said Business School Global Leadership Council;

   (d)-(g) up to four members of the Said Business School executive, to include the Peter Moores Dean (or the Head of Department, where appointed in lieu of the Peter Moores Dean);

   (e) the Associate Dean of Executive Education;

   (f) the Faculty Dean;

   (g) the Chief Operating Officer;

   (h), (i) two members appointed by the Head of the Social Sciences Division, following consultation with the Chair of the Said Business School Global Leadership Council, as representatives of the business and SBS alumni communities;

   (j) a person appointed by the Benefactor or his successor in title;

   (k)-(m) three members elected by the Faculty Forum from among its members.'
Council of the University

Register of Congregation

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

Asatryan, M, Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach Office

Broadhead, J H, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS)

Ilic, I, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences

Matthews, G J M, Council Secretariat

Nishino, T, St Edmund Hall

Okai, D, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

Suslick, K S, Balliol

Divisional and Faculty Boards

For changes in regulations for examinations see ‘Examinations and Boards’ below.

Congregation

Elections

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Council
Buildings and Estates Subcommittee

Details are in ‘Elections’ section below.

Congregation

13 June

As an amendment to resolution (1) below has been received, Council has decided that proceedings on the resolution and the proposed amendment shall be adjourned to the meeting of Congregation on 2 July 2019, in accordance with regulation 3.16 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002. The meeting on 18 June will therefore not take place.

(1) Resolution: On the current and future status of language learning in our University

As a world-leading, truly cosmopolitan academic institution, this University needs to maintain and develop its provision for language learning. In view of the contradiction between the University’s commitment to “in-depth study of the world’s societies and cultures, supported by the outstanding breadth of our expertise in languages, ancient and modern” (Strategic Plan 2018–23, Engagement and partnership, 4) and the proposed plans underway to alter the size and scope of the Language Centre before a thorough-going process of broad consultation has been completed, we ask Congregation to:

1) Instruct Council to reinstate the cross-disciplinary Committee for the Language Centre that was disbanded in March 2017, and to suspend any plans to reform the Language Centre until a full and timely consultation process has been completed that has demonstrably included members of staff, students and the abovementioned committee;

2) Instruct Council to draw up a plan for ensuring the academic excellence that the Language Centre requires to provide cutting-edge expertise for developing the study of languages among students and staff within the university, and to continue to provide support and resources for learning languages beyond those taught in the University.

For the list of signatories to the resolution see Gazette No 5242, 30 May 2019, p498.

Council’s response

Council considers the resolution acceptable to it.

Council recognises the strength of feeling on this issue evidenced by the resolution and its signatories. Whilst the consultation process on the proposals for change in the Language Centre had included plans for a strategic discussion on language teaching provision, supported by a review, the strength of feeling generated in the course of this consultation demonstrates the need for a more detailed review to be conducted, including questions around the governance structures for the Language Centre. Given that it is the desire of both Council and the signatories of the resolution for there to be such a review in order to guide the shaping of provision going forward, Council accepts the resolution and Education Committee will consider at the start of Michaelmas term the detailed arrangements for its review.

In the meantime the proposal to make changes to library provision at the Language Centre will be put on hold and the Language Centre Committee will be reinstated, to be re-populated in Michaelmas term 2019. The Education Committee review can be expected to make recommendations on the governance arrangements for the Language Centre going forward, and it is possible that a different model will be proposed for the future which may or may not involve the continuation of the Language Centre Committee. The outcome of the review will be published in due course.

Notice of Amendment

Under regulation 3.18 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002, the Vice-Chancellor, in consultation with the Proctors, has determined the following to be a true amendment.
Explanatory Note

Following our meeting with the Registrar, Academic Registrar and ProVC for Education, on 31 May 2019, and in response to the latter’s announcement of a forthcoming Review of the Language Centre, we as proposer and seconder of the Resolution, and after consultation with its 230 signatories – have decided that the following Amendment is needed in order to ensure a thorough and transparent reconsideration of the governance, status and role of the Language Centre. We therefore ask that:

Amendment

Section 1) of the Resolution should be

Proposed by: Guido Bonsaver – Medieval and Modern Languages and Pembroke College

Seconded by: Patricia Thornton – Politics and International Relations and Pembroke College

In order to give both Council and members of Congregation the opportunity to consider their responses to the proposed amendment, Council has decided that proceedings on the resolution and the proposed amendment shall be adjourned to the meeting of Congregation on 2 July 2019, in accordance with regulation 3.16 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002.

(2) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Statute XI: University Discipline

For full text of legislative proposal see Gazette No 5242, 30 May 2019, p499.

As no notice of opposition or amendment to the resolution at (1) below has been received, that resolution shall be declared carried at the meeting.

(1) Resolution: On the current and future status of language learning in our University

For full text of the resolution and Council’s response, see item (1) on the Congregation agenda for 18 June.

(2) Resolution to expel former student from Convocation Membership under Section 11(3) of Statute II

Explanatory Note

A former student has admitted breaches of sections 2(1)(g), 2(1)(h) and 2(1)(m) of the Code of Discipline for serious sexual misconduct which occurred while the former student was a student member.

The matter was referred to the Student Disciplinary Panel by the Registrar under Section 40 of Statute XI. As the breaches were admitted, the Student Disciplinary Panel hearing only considered the appropriate penalty. The Student Disciplinary Panel deemed the matter very serious and recommended to Council that the former student be expelled from Convocation membership.

Council has considered the case and has determined that fair procedures have been followed to enable it to arrive at a recommendation to Congregation that the former student be expelled from Convocation membership.

Council has determined that the former student be expelled from Convocation membership under Section 11 (3) of Statute II. Given the sensitivity of the decision, the name of the former student shall be excluded from the Congregation minutes.
the matter and the confidentiality of the disciplinary process, Council considers that it is appropriate to make this referral anonymously. This is not considered to disadvantage the former student as the former student admitted the breaches in full knowledge of the recommended sanction.

Text of Resolution
Congregation resolves to expel a former student from Convocation Membership under Section II (3) of Statute II.

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 Dr N Berry at the University Offices, Wellington Square (telephone: (2)80199; email: nigel.berry@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).

General Notices

University of Oxford Staff Pension Scheme (OSPS)
Two vacancies exist for Trustee Directors for the University of Oxford Staff Pension Scheme (OSPS). For further information please contact the scheme secretary (jan.killick@admin.ox.ac.uk) before 24 June. Information on the role of Trustee Directors is available at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/finance/epp/pensions/schemes/osps/trustees. Candidates for the vacancies will be put forward by the scheme secretary, having consulted the Chair, for approval by the University’s appointing body.

Appointments

Social Sciences
Professor Petr Sedlacek; title of Professor of Economics with effect from 29 May 2019

Visiting Professorships

Social Sciences
Professor Robert Eccles; reconferment of the title of Visiting Professor of Management Practice, Said Business School, for 2 years from 1 October 2019

Social Sciences

Saïd Business School
The following events will take place at 5.45pm at the Saïd Business School.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR
Aleksander Čeferin, UEFA, will be in conversation with Rupert Younger on 13 June. Registration required: oxsbs.link/dsceferin.
Subject: ‘Rebuilding the reputation of international football’

ART AT OXFORD SAÏD – EXHIBITION OPENING TALK
Nigel Hall, Royal Academician, will be interviewed by Megan Piper on 18 June. Registration required: https://said-art-hall-piper.eventbrite.com.
Subject: ‘Significant Others, an exhibition of work by Nigel Hall RA and Manijeh Yadegar’

ENGAGING WITH THE HUMANITIES
Edouard Benveniste, Sotheby’s, will speak on 8 July. Registration required: https://said-engaging-sothebys.eventbrite.com.
Subject: ‘Rewriting the rules of the art industry – a data-driven transformation’
Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Examinations for the Degree of Master of Science

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Elections

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Changes to Examination Regulations

For the complete text of each regulation listed below and a listing of all changes to regulations for this year to date, please see https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations-0.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board

RESEARCH DEGREES IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (COMPUTER SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS)

minor amendment to clarify regulations

Medical Sciences Board

MSC IN SLEEP MEDICINE

minor amendments to wording of point 8 and 9 regarding essay submission procedures

PGDIP IN SLEEP MEDICINE

minor amendments to wording of point 7 (essay submission) and point 3 (MSc transfer)

Social Sciences Board

MPHIL IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MPHIL IN POLITICS

MPHIL IN POLITICS RESEARCH

MSC IN POLITICAL THEORY RESEARCH

(a) to require electronic submission of theses
(b) to remove reference to award of distinction as covered by General Regulations

MSC IN NATURE, SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

(a) amendment to assessment of the Research Skills course
(b) to remove reference to award of distinction as covered by General Regulations

Contested Elections 13 June

The nomination period for these elections closed at 4pm on Thursday, 16 May. The following elections will be contested and the results determined by postal ballot of the eligible electorates.

Council

MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

• 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 to hold office from MT 2019 to MT 2023 (vice Professor M J A Freeman, Lincoln)

The following nominations have been received:

Professor Peter P Edwards, BSc PhD DSc Salf, MA Oxf, Fellow of St Catherine's, Faculty of Chemistry

Nominated by:

H L Anderson, Keble, Faculty of Chemistry
S J Conway, St Hugh's, Faculty of Chemistry
S G Davies, Magdalen, Faculty of Chemistry
S Faulkner, Keble, Faculty of Chemistry

Candidate statement:

I am particularly interested in protecting democratic self-governance and ensuring that Council is robust in its scrutiny and approval of proposals that are brought to Congregation appropriately and in a timely way. Council must also respond to widespread concerns to help stop or reverse the erosion of pay and pensions. I would bring broad experience and expertise in research, management and administration and practices to increase the diversity of our community. I was Head of Inorganic Chemistry (member of MPLS Divisional Board) from 2004 to 2014 and previously 5 years as Head of Chemistry at Birmingham, following earlier periods at Cambridge (Jesus College; Director of Studies in Chemistry) and Cornell (Fulbright Scholar, NSF Fellow). I was Co-Founder of the first EPSRC Interdisciplinary Research Centre (1987) and the UK Sustainable Hydrogen Energy Consortium (2003) leading to my election as EPSRC RISE Fellow; currently establishing the Interdisciplinary Centre in Clean Carbon Energy with China, India, the USA and Saudi Arabia. Previously Chair of the European Research Council Advanced Investigators Award Panel on Chemical Synthesis and Advanced Materials. I was Outreach Ambassador for Jesus College (1980’s) and recently elected to the Royal Society of Chemistry Inclusion and Diversity Committee. I am a Fellow of the Royal Society, Foreign Member of the German Academy of Sciences, Einstein Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member of the US Academy of Arts and Sciences, and International Member of the American Philosophical Society.

Professor Anna Christina (Kia) Nobre, BA Williams, MA Oxf, PhD Yale, Fellow of St Catherine's, Faculty of Psychological Studies

Nominated by:

M J Snowling, President of St John's, Faculty of Psychological Studies
J Baird, St Anne's, Faculty of Social Studies
R S Crisp, St Anne's, Faculty of Philosophy
Dame Kay Davies, Hertford, Faculty of Physiological Sciences, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
N J Emptage, Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences
H I McShane, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
G R Screaton, University College, Faculty of Medical Sciences
K Talbot, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
T Williamson, New College, Faculty of Philosophy
N Woods, University College

Candidate statement:

I am strongly committed to the values of our Collegiate University, and would like to contribute to its governance as a member of Council. I have been a member of Congregation for 25 years. Since my JRF days, I have become increasingly involved in leadership and assumed positions of growing responsibility. I currently hold
a statutory professorship, jointly shared
between the Departments of Psychiatry
and of Experimental Psychology and serve
as a Professorial Fellow at St Catherine’s
College. I chair the Oxford Neuroscience
Strategy Committee, direct the Oxford
Centre for Human Brain Activity, and act as
head of the Department of Experimental
Psychology. In the latter role, I had to
manage the unexpected closure of the
Tinbergen Building. I witnessed first-hand
what can be achieved when all aspects of the
University come together for the common
goal, and feel it would be a privilege to give
something back in return. I am particularly
committed to promoting the importance of
scholarship and science in our society;
and to fostering an inclusive, diverse, and
nurturing environment in which we educate
and train future generations to the highest
standards.

Committees reporting to Council
BUILDINGS AND ESTATES
SUBCOMMITTEE

• One person elected by Congregation
to hold office from MT 2019 to MT
2020 (vice Professor Martin C J Maiden,
Hertford)

The following nominations have been
received:
Rosie Mortimer, MA Oxf, Department of
Chemistry

Nominated by:
M Brouard, Jesus, Faculty of Chemistry
J N B Green, Faculty of Chemistry
K N Harrison, Faculty of Chemistry
A Lintern, Department of Chemistry

Candidate statement:
I am currently the Head of Administration
in the Department of Chemistry and have
previously been a member of BESC. This
role and previous lead administrator
roles in the departments of Social Policy
& Intervention, and Mathematics, as well
as a role in the Medical Sciences Division,
where I had responsibility for the Division's
portfolio of capital projects, have given me
considerable experience of the matters that
BESC deals with. I have considerable direct
experience of the governance and delivery
of capital projects, both large and small, and
as an experienced Head of Administration
am well used to working at a strategic and
operational level. On BESC I would be able
to place the matters under consideration in
their broader context as well as articulate
any operational implications.

I believe my experience, together with my
common sense and balanced approach
to issues, would make me an effective
member of BESC. If elected I would work
hard to bring my operational knowledge
and experience to bear in a constructive and
thoughtful manner.

Louise Stratton, Finance Division

Nominated by:
G L Boon, Finance Division
S Davies, Estates Division
R A Greaney, Department of Physiology,
Anatomy and Genetics
N B Heath, Finance Division
E Morris, Said Business School
H L Parker, Finance Division
P A Ransom, Department of Politics and
International Relations
N A Roberts, Continuing Education
C S R Taylor, Finance Division
R J Walker, St Cross

Candidate statement:
In my role as University Fixed Asset
Accountant I engage with the end result of
the decisions made in BESC and PRAC. I feel
the detailed work I do on the accounting of
the University Functional Estate, including
leased properties, gives me detailed
knowledge that could be of value to BESC
as well as enhance understanding and
appreciation in my own role. I could offer
a different perspective due to my 12 years
in post, such as an awareness of financial
implications of decisions. I would give an
objective and independent view of the
estate but hopefully an informed one. I
believe it would give me a broader view
of Estates and the activity undertaken
by them, which in turn will aid me in my
own area of work. I want to contribute
more and I feel this membership would
be part of this by the additional contribution
this will allow me to give. I am currently
studying for a PgCert in Higher Education
with Nottingham Trent University and
this has given me a wider knowledge and
understanding of HE Governance and the
history behind it and I wish to use this in a
wider context outside of my substantive
role. Having recently been appointed to
several strategic building and housing
groups I wish to continue this expansion in
to a more strategic outlook on the University
and I believe that being part of this
Subcommittee will be part of this.

Convocation

Nominations for this election closed on
9 May.

Election of the Professor of Poetry

An election by Convocation will be held
in Trinity term 2019 in order to elect the
Professor of Poetry, to hold office for four
years from the first day of Michaelmas term
2019. A meeting of Convocation will be held
on Friday, 21 June 2019, to announce the
results.

DUTIES AND STIPEND OF THE PROFESSOR

The duties of the Professor are: normally
to give one public lecture each term on a
suitable literary subject (where the term
‘public lecture’ does not include poetry
readings or recitals or other such events);
to deliver an inaugural lecture; normally
to offer one more event each term (which
may include poetry readings, workshops,
hosted events etc); 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 Jon Stallworthy 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 £12,710
per annum which is increased in line with
the annual cost-of-living increases for
academic and related staff, 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 for the Professorship are available on the University website (www.ox.ac.uk). Informal enquiries about the post should be addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Board, Professor Ros Ballaster, who can be contacted by email at chair@ell.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

This election will be conducted electronically by Electoral Reform Services Ltd (ERS) on behalf of the University of Oxford.

All members of Convocation are eligible to vote in this election.

Convocation

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 Oxford 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/regulations/122b.shtml).

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, 9 May. The list of all those nominated by the deadline is published in this issue of the Gazette.

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, 9 May. In the event of a contested election, these statements shall be published in the University Gazette and on the official University website.

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

An online 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, 21 June.

Voter registration

Voter registration for this election closed on 6 June.

Voting

Registered voters will be able to vote online from Thursday, 23 May, until noon on Thursday, 20 June (BST). Voters will be sent instructions on how to vote once their eligibility to vote has been verified.

Result of a contested election

The result of a contested election will be announced in a meeting of Convocation at 3pm on Friday, 21 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 should be addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Board, Professor Ros Ballaster, who can be contacted by email at chair@ell.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

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.

Media enquiries should be directed to the University of Oxford News and Information Office (email: news.office@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 283877).

All other queries should be addressed to the Elections Officer, Ms S L S Mulvihill, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD (email: poetry.election@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 280463).

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for this election closed at 4pm on Thursday, 9 May 2019. Three candidates met the threshold of 50 nominations from members of Convocation:

- Andrew McMillan
- Alice Oswald
- Todd Swift

Candidate statements are published in this issue of the Gazette. Please note: the names of further nominators of the candidates below will be published as and when their membership of Convocation has been verified.
Andrew McMillan

Nominated by:
Sophie Afadhla
Ms Samira Ahmed
Dr Natasha Alden
Mr Rob Alderson
Dr Jacob Anders
Dr Joanne Baker
Mr Dominic Barker
Mr Charles Beckett
Billy-Ray Belcourt
Ms Kathryn Bevis
Mr Luka Boeskens
Ms Hannah Bond
Simon Boyle
Mr Nicholas Brooksbank
Mr Alan Buckley
Ms Louise Chantal
Dr Rosalind Clarke
Mr Andrew Copson
Mrs Elizabeth Coulter
Mr Benjamin Curthoys
Mr Rishi Dastidar
Mr Michael Donkor
Ms Louise Faletas
Mr Stuart Foulkes
Miss Dorothy Finan
Ms Susannah Ford
Professor Matthew Fox
Miss Alison Garcia
Ms Charlotte Geater
Mr Aled George
Mr Alexis Gibbs
Professor David Gillespie
Ms Sarah Godwin
Dr Thea Goodsell
Mr Will Green
Mr Tarquin Grossman
Professor Keith Hanley
Mrs Sarah Harkness
Michael Hatchett
Mr Edward Hodgkinson
Mr Robert Holtom
Dr Anthony House
Miss Laura Howes
Mr Oliver Seth Insua-Summerhayns
David Ireland
Mr Stephen Mark Jones
Ms Fiona Helen Kemp
Yoolim Kim
Dr Gareth Langley
Ms Maisie Lawrence
Miss Georgina Lee
Dr Daryl Leeworthy
Mr Chris McCartney
Mr Robert McManus
Ms Catherine Max
Mr Brian Millar
Dr Eva Miller
Mr Amos Millet
Hereward Mills
Professor Rana Mitter
Clare Morley
Miss Gemma Murray
Mr John Owen
Mrs Rosamund Owens
Professor Carl Phelpstead
Mr Tony Pinkney
Ms Elizabeth Porter
Ms Antonia Prescott
Ms Rachel Richardson
Ms Yara Rodrigues Fowler
Dr Alice Roworth
Mr Ian Runacres
Ms Esther Phoebe Rutter
Mr Edward Siddons
Professor Catherine Spooner
Professor James Studd
Dr Matthew Sweet
Mr Timothy Owain Vaughan
Mr Ashley Walters
Ms Rebecca Watson
Ms Harriet Williams

Alice Oswald

Nominated by:
Dr Kalina Allendorf
Dr Harriet Archer
Ms Kate Caomhbe Arthur
Professor Laura Ashe
Ms Hazel Barkworth
Professor Helen Barr
Dr Rebecca Beasley
Professor Matthew Bevis
Alice Bloom
Professor Elleke Boehmer
Professor Charlotte Brewer
Mr Alex Bridgland
Dr David Bryan
Professor Felix Budelmann
Professor Philip Bullock
Professor Colin Burrow
Mrs Kirsten Burrows
Dr Rachel Buxton
Miss Nancy Campbell
Ms Alice Carrington-Windo
Dr Robert Cassels
Professor Terence Cave
Professor Supriya Chaudhuri
Dr Matthew Cheung Salisbury
Mr Thomas Chivers
Mr Rossa Commane
Professor Martin Conway
Mr Tom Cook
Ms Denise Cripps
Dr Andrew Dean
Mr Richard Devereux
Professor Michael Dobson
Professor Robert Douglas-Fairhurst
Dr David Dwan
Professor Rachel Falconer
Dr Julie Farguson
Mr John Field
Mr Jamie Findlay
Dr Mark Floyer
Professor Robert Foster
Dr Peta Fowler
Professor Peter Frankopan
Professor Vincent Gillespie
Mr Alan Glauum
Professor Roger Goodman
Mr R C Gould
Dr Jane Griffiths
Professor Daniel Grimley
Mr John Grimond
Mr Mark Haddon
Ms Mercy Haggerty
Mr Tim Hall
Professor Alexandra Harris
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ALICE OSWALD

I’d like to be considered for the position of poetry professor, which I see as an opportunity to deepen my research into Spoken Poetry and to bring that research to a wider audience.

It’s important to me to find ways of connecting with the City of Oxford as well as the University and for this reason, besides delivering lectures, I’d like to stage some Extreme Poetry Events: for example all-night readings of long poems, poetry in the dark or in coloured light, even perhaps a Carnival of Translation, A Memory Palace, a Poem-Circus (like the Music-Circus of John Cage), or an exhibition of mobile poems. A book is a wonderfully quiet place, but I’ve always thought that poetry, if offered the right occasions, will rise to meet them and that one of our tasks as poets is to invent such occasions for ourselves and for others. I’d be delighted if I could tempt school children to take part in some of these.

I believe that poetry is, among other things, an ancient memory system, that it asks to be heard out loud or at least read in the manner of a musical score, that it promotes imaginative over rational understanding and that the strength of the imagination is its ability to think between disciplines and to conceive of wholes not just parts. While I was at University I was grateful that the Ruskin School of Art offered different approaches to learning and I like to think that a poetry professor might provide something similar, perhaps in the form of workshops or structured conversations. There is after all plenty to discuss. It’s a cliché, but poetry is having a bit of a renaissance right now, more than any time in the past two decades we’re witnessing a new generation of poets step forward and claim space within the prize-lists and the editorial boards and the inner-rooms of our art form. Yet still, the poets who have been so central to our culture for the past half-century continue to expand their craft, improving their body of work with each new poem, each new collection. The Oxford Professor of Poetry feels like a position which is uniquely suited to this current moment; both facing, towards the student-body and yet with the weight and prestige of the lineage of predecessors standing behind it as well.

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It is true that I am young (though with half a decade on Keats, at his oldest), but I would hope to make a dynamic, insightful and fresh contribution to the life of poetry and literature at the university. Perhaps the best thing a role like this can do is to offer illumination of poets who time or fashions have pushed back into the dark.

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ANDREW MCMILLAN

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TODD SWIFT

I have been an international poetry activist, poet, small press publisher, editor, anthropologist, and poetry tutor for over 30 years, beginning in Montreal, where I was mentored by Ezra Pound’s mentee, Louis Dudek. I was listed in the Oxford Companion to Modern Poetry, and was the 2017-2018 Poet-in-residence at Pembroke College, Cambridge. As Oxfam GB’s Poet-in-residence I ran a national poetry contest and edited numerous anthologies, and ran a reading series for a decade. My own poetry has appeared across the world in periodicals and magazines; and in over 20 collections, including pamphlets. In 2003, I was featured on CNN for my work as a co-organiser of the Poets Against the War movement, and edited the Salt anthology. In the 90s I pioneered Fusion poetry, a hybrid of performance, hip hop, and digital poetries. My PhD is on style in modern poetry. Over three decades I have shown a commitment
to innovation, encouragement, enthusiasm and excitement in poetry - and have always supported, and advocated for, a diverse and open understanding of what poetry is, and can do. As a Canadian-British poet, I bring a multilingual and multicultural vision to poetics and the promotion of ideas about poetry in the 21st century. The themes of my own poetry are relevant at this time, since my key themes are gender identity, pop culture, sex, desire, politics, violence, religious faith and doubt, ecology, and scientific inquiry, as they swirl about in a language mash-up - created by a fractured lexical construct that may or not be a coherent being. I am a high modernist romantic, taking my bearings from FT Prince, Hart Crane, Wallace Stevens as well as Pound and H.D. My work has been described as a strange admixture of Dylan Thomas and Paul Muldoon. It is in fact its own stylish melange of low and high diction, exploring the eccentric possibility of being a true person or persona in a hyper-mediated age. As a long-time public speaker and polemicist, I would enjoy the chance to lecture on current trends in poetry, and as a gadfly of sorts continue to ask questions of poetry, poets and poems.

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St Anne’s; Assistant Dean; £3,204 pa; noon, 20 June; www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/job-opportunities

External Vacancies

Rhodes Trust in partnership with Schmidt Science Fellows; Data and Systems Officer; £30,000–£45,000; 8 July; https://schmidtschiencefellows.org/who-we-are/working-for-us

Rhodes Trust in partnership with Schmidt Science Fellows; Director of Global Meetings; competitive salary; 8 July; https://schmidtschiencefellows.org/who-we-are/working-for-us

University of Cambridge; Professorship of Mineralogy and Petrology; 30 July; www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/professorships

St John’s College, Cambridge; Master, with effect from 1 October 2020; 1 July; https://candidates.perrettlaver.com/vacancies/1394/election_of_master

St John’s College, Cambridge; 3-year College Associate Lectureship and Fellowship in Economics; £36,261–£40,792 plus college benefits; 5 July; www.joh.cam.ac.uk/college-associate-lectureship-and-fellowship-economics

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