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Churchill College Statutes Revision

A tracked changes copy of the College Statutes has not been feasible to produce for Regent House's review, as the rewrite has been extensive and much has been reordered or consolidated. Members of Regent House may refer to the [College's current Statutes](#). The below list sets out, therefore, the content changes made in summary form:

- Statute V sets out clearly existing and new powers of Governing Body. New powers include a right to provide ethical guidance on investments and donations; to approve decisions on major infrastructure projects; to consider proposals for policy changes regarding areas of academic work undertaken by the College; to define categories of By-Fellow; to elect (and remove) Benefactor Fellows; to name (or rename) buildings and rooms; to establish means of scrutiny of governance; to determine the expected contribution of Fellows to the life of the College. Inspection of accounts to be replaced by new audit mechanisms.
- Membership of Council remains co-extensive with being the charity Trustees. But henceforth *all* Trustees/Council members will be directly elected by Governing Body, either as ordinary members or *ex officio* as Master and Vice-Master. The Senior Tutor, Senior Postgraduate Tutor, Bursar, and student and staff representatives, cease to be Trustees/Council members, but their participation in Council is guaranteed in Statute. The number of Fellows elected by Governing Body to Trusteeship/Council is increased from 8 to 10.
- Eligibility, responsibilities, remuneration, terms and conditions, etc., of Master, Fellows, By-Fellows, Academic Staff, and officers are transferred from Statutes to Ordinances.
- Statement of 'charitable objects' now mentioned, absent from previous Statutes, and the term 'Trustee' (under Charity law) now appears.
- Consequences of Council being Trustees in Charity law, together with developments in employment law and financial accountability, are now included.
- The existing lengthy Statute XXXV on redundancy, incapacity, etc. is reduced, detailed procedures being moved to Ordinances.
- Grievance procedures are introduced covering all College Members; details in Ordinances.
- Removal of a Fellow will require a supermajority of 9 (of 12) members of Council.

- Several committees disappear from Statutes, their names and functions transferred to Ordinances, the Statutes retaining general powers to create committees.
- The Mastership becomes elective, in place of Crown appointment.
- Title A Fellows now called 'Teaching', instead of 'Official'.
- Title C Fellowships now become elective, instead of automatic for existing Fellows.
- Title D Fellows now called 'Emeritus/Emerita', instead of 'Pensioner'.
- Title D Fellows may serve on Council (maximum of 2), previously precluded; any such shall be members of Governing Body while serving on Council.
- Title E Fellows now elected by Fellowship Electors, instead of Council.
- Title G Fellows now called 'Official' (i.e. administrative), instead of 'Supernumerary', and elected by Council instead of Governing Body.
- College 'offices' becomes a generic term for all roles created by Governing Body or Council; i.e. removing the concept of 'College Officers' (hitherto defined as the five senior Officers).
- Non-Academic Staff will have representatives on Governing Body, in parallel with student reps.
- Quorum for Governing Body raised to one-third of its members, instead of one-quarter.
- Making of Ordinances to require two-thirds majority of Governing Body, instead of a simple majority.
- For all bodies, chair's 'casting' vote abolished, and replaced by the principle that a resolution that does not command a majority fails.
- Senior Tutor, Senior Postgraduate Tutor, and Bursar no longer members of Fellowship Electors; Master remains a member, but Vice-Master will chair.
- By-Fellows and Benefactor Fellows are now mentioned; absent from previous Statutes.
- Directors of Studies are now mentioned; absent from previous Statutes.

- Churchill Archives Centre now mentioned; absent from previous Statutes.
- President of the Senior Combination Room now mentioned; absent from previous Statutes.
- Students: there shall be 'at least' one-third Postgraduates, instead of 'approximately'.
- Definition of 'seniority' of Fellows removed to Ordinances.
- Proceeding to degree of MA by Fellows removed to Ordinances.
- Opaque notion of a 'Statutory' meeting of Governing Body abolished.
- 'Membership' (capital M) of College defined as all Fellows, By-Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Benefactor Fellows, and Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students, and past holders of any of these, unless they resign or are removed. (This does not disbar informal usage of the term 'member', e.g. 'member of the SCR' for holders of dining rights.)
- Terminology: 'Advanced Students' replaced by 'Postgraduate Students'.
- Terminology: gender pronouns 'she/her' and 'he/him' are avoided; 'they' is used.
- Terminology: 'senior member'/'junior member'; 'resident'/'residence'; 'retire'/'retirement'; 'qualifying office' (almost entirely) disappear; addressed, where necessary, in Ordinances.
- Terminology: 'meetings' and 'papers' retained, but Ordinances will clarify regarding hybrid meetings and electronic papers.
- Rhetorical description of the Founder as 'illustrious statesman' dropped from Statute I.