

Court Annual Meeting

Record of the Meeting of the Court of the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine held on Wednesday 22 June 2022, in the Dyson Library, South Kensington, and online.

Present:

Mr John Allan (Chair)(online), Professor Simon Barton, Ms Grainne Brankin, Mr Tim Chapman, Alice Gast (President), Mr Roger Highfield, Dr Lloyd James, Mr David Keene, Dr Mohammedabbas Khaki, Ms Dominique Kleyn, Mr Christopher de Mattos, Mr Michael Murphy, Ms Uzoamaka Nwamarah, Ms Christina Friis Blach Petersen, Mr William Shek, Professor Joe Smith, Dr Marc Warner, and Dr Malcolm Weir.

In Attendance:

Mr David Allen, Professor Charles Bangham, Mrs Rachel Knight, Professor Faith Osier, Ms Nicola Pogson, and Ms Meredith Wilson.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

COLLEGE UPDATE

The Court received an update from the President. Highlights included:

- Accolades and awards received by the College over the past year, including being named the University of the year, the receipt of a Queen's Anniversary prize for the first time since 2007, and topping the Research Excellence Framework tables for research output, impact, and environment;
- The success of the University Challenge team, now tied with the University of Oxford for the most wins;
- Campus developments, particularly the Dangoor Plaza, Brahma Vasudevan institute for sustainable aviation, Scale Space and White City;
- The Great Exhibition Road Festival, which was a collaboration between research and culture organisations;
- The development of the new Academic Strategy, and initiatives to support the transition to net zero;
- International scholarships and fundraising campaigns, notably the Ukraine Sanctuary Scholarships and the Challenge campaign to raise £5M towards scholarships for

talented students from around the world and a further £5M for new scholarships and studentships for Black students and others from underrepresented groups;

- The announcement of the partnership with the University of Cumbria to build a new medical school.

Following the update, the Chair and members of Court thanked Professor Gast for her contributions as President.

Professor Hugh Brady would begin his term as President on 1 August 2022.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE INSTITUTE OF INFECTION

The Court received a presentation from the Co-Directors of the Institute of Infection, Professor Charles Bangham, and Professor Faith Osier. The Institute was an interdisciplinary centre which had created a community of researchers from across Imperial's campuses and from all career stages, united by a commitment to tackle global challenges posed by infection. In discussion it was noted that although the Institute was relatively new, having been established for six months, it had already held workshops with external partners which had promoted collaboration and novel research by bringing together policy makers, science communicators, clinicians, biologists, and engineers. There was also the possibility of offering education programmes in infection research that would complement the existing offer, accessible to people from broader backgrounds, such as humanities, business, and law.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking members for their contributions.