At its meetings on 12 February 2020 and 11 November 2020, the Governing Body of Wolfson College, Cambridge, approved (GB08/2020; GB52/2020) the following PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to College Statutes shown below as tracked changes.

(1) STATUTE A: The Constitution and Government of the College
Chapter IV: Meetings of the Governing Body

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS:
(a) to make provision for attendance by Observers at meetings of the Governing Body;
(b) to make provision for Reserved Business

Chapter IV
Meetings of the Governing Body

1. The Governing Body shall hold at least one meeting in every Full Term on such days as it shall appoint. A further meeting for the approval of the accounts and reports shall be held in the Michaelmas Term and shall be known as the Audit Meeting. The termly meetings and the Audit Meeting shall be termed Ordinary Meetings of the Governing Body. At least fourteen days’ notice of an Ordinary Meeting shall be given to all Fellows. All other meetings of the Governing Body shall be termed Special Meetings.

2. The President may at any time summon a Special Meeting of the Governing Body and shall do so with all convenient speed if requested by the Council or on a written request signed by at least fifteen Fellows who are members of the Governing Body. Such a request for a meeting shall set forth the resolution or resolutions to be brought before the meeting. At least seven days’ notice shall be given of any meeting summoned under this section.

3. The Vice-President shall, if requested in writing by at least fifteen Fellows who are members of the Governing Body, summon a meeting for the purpose of Statute H, VII B.IV. At least seven days’ notice in Full Term shall be given of any meeting summoned under this section.

4. At every meeting of the Governing Body in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, failing whom the senior Fellow present who is a member of the Council, failing whom the senior Fellow present, shall preside.

5. All matters put to the vote at a meeting of the Governing Body shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting except as otherwise provided in these Statutes. In the case of equality of votes, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, shall be entitled to give a casting vote.

6. In any vote on the election of any member of the Governing Body to the office of President or Vice-President, such member shall not vote and shall not be counted in the reckoning of any necessary majority.
7. No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Governing Body unless at least one-third of the members of the Governing Body are present.

8. Provision may be made by Ordinance to permit the attendance at meetings of the Governing Body of representatives of specified categories of members of the College or of staff. Such persons shall be known as Observers and shall not have a vote.

9. No student of the College or Observer shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of the Governing Body, of the Council, or of any committee appointed by the Council, for the discussion of, or decision on, any item of business which the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, declares to be reserved.

Reserved business shall include:
(a) the election or removal of any Fellow or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of any Fellow;
(b) the appointment, suspension or removal of any College Officer;
(c) the appointment, promotion or dismissal of any person employed or to be employed by the College, or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of such a person;
(d) the admission of individuals to membership of the College, their removal from the College, except under Statute E.II, or their academic assessment.

In any case of doubt, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and such decision shall be final. No student of the College shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business except that members of the Council in class (c) may, if and to the extent that the Council so determines, receive minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business by the Council or by any committee appointed by the Council.

Chapter VI
Meetings of the Council

1. The Council shall meet at least once a term and as frequently as is necessary to discharge its responsibilities under Statute A.V.1, and subject to such regulations concerning notice of business and mode of procedure as may from time to time be determined by the Council. Extraordinary meetings of the Council shall be held whenever the President or, in the President’s absence, the Vice-President or, in the absence of both, the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council, shall deem it necessary for any purpose.

2. At every meeting of the Council in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, failing whom the senior Fellow present, shall preside.

3. All questions put to the vote at a meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting except as otherwise provided in these Statutes. In case of equality of votes, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, shall be entitled to give a casting vote.

4. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Council unless at least seven members are present, including at least four members in class (b) and excluding members in class (c).
5. No student of the College shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of the Council, or of any committee appointed by the Council, for the discussion of, or decision on, any item of business which the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, declares to be reserved. Reserved business shall include:

(a) the election or removal of any Fellow or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of any Fellow;
(b) the appointment, suspension or removal of any College Officer;
(c) the appointment, promotion or dismissal of any person employed or to be employed by the College, or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of such a person;
(d) the admission of individuals to membership of the College, their removal from the College, except under Statute E.II, or their academic assessment.

In any case of doubt, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President’s absence, shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and such decision shall be final. No student of the College shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business except that members of the Council in class (c) may, if and to the extent that the Council so determines, receive minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business by the Council or by any committee appointed by the Council.

65. In any vote on the election, re-election, appointment or re-appointment of any member of the Council to a Fellowship, or to any office or other position normally carrying an emolument, or on the removal of a member of the Council from a Fellowship, or from any office or position, such member shall not vote and shall not be counted in the reckoning of any necessary majority.

76. It shall be the duty of the Bursar, or of such other person as the Council may direct, to keep minutes of the proceedings of the Council and to forward such minutes to members of the Governing Body. Such minutes shall be open to inspection by all members of the Governing Body at all reasonable times.
(2) **STATUTE A: The Constitution and Government of the College**  
**Chapter V: The Council**

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS:** To make provision for individuals to receive remuneration for performing College duties, other than serving as a Trustee.

Chapter V  
*The Council*

1. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, the Council shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the College, for the care and management of its property, for its educational work, and for such other matters as may be assigned to it by resolution of the Governing Body.

2. The Council shall have power to draft standing orders, which shall be called Ordinances, and amendments or rescissions of them, provided always that such Ordinances shall not be inconsistent with these Statutes or with the Statutes of the University. All such drafts shall be submitted to the Governing Body for approval.

3. The Council shall consist of the following classes of members:
   (a) the President, the Vice-President, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor and the Development Director, who shall be members *ex officio*;
   (b) ten Fellows elected by the Governing Body from among its members; and
   (c) three students of the College elected by the Association of the Students of the College in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Statute A.VII.

4. The method of election of members in class (b) and in class (c) and the procedure for the conduct of elections, including bye-elections, shall be determined by or under Ordinance.

5. The members in classes (a) and (b) shall be the Charity Trustees of the College.

6. No person shall receive any trustee remuneration, or any other benefit, for acting as a Trustee of the College, other than any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of carrying out his or her duties as Trustee.  
A person who is a Trustee of the College may, in some other capacity, receive remuneration or other benefits from the College, provided that they are authorised by Statute or by Ordinance, and are either:
   (a) incidental to carrying out the College’s charitable purposes for the public benefit; or
   (b) received by that person as a beneficiary of the College’s charitable purposes.  
In particular, a Trustee may receive such remuneration or benefits as the Governing Body or the Council, as applicable, shall think reasonable, in order to fulfil the College’s purposes as a place of education, learning and research.
(3) **STATUTE B: The President**  
**Chapter III: Term of Office of the President**

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS:** To include provision for the tenure of the President’s office to end on 31 August of the final year to allow time out of Term for the incoming President to familiarise themselves with the College and its business.

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1. The President shall be appointed for a period of seven *academical* years from a date specified by the Governing Body, provided that the President’s tenure shall expire on 31 August of the final year of office. If the President is appointed to take office before the end of an academical year, the Governing Body may appoint the President for the remainder of that academical year in addition to the seven full years. This appointment is not renewable. No previous President may stand for re-election in any circumstances. The President shall give notice in writing to the Vice-President if he or she proposes to retire before the end of the seven-year period. Except with the consent of the Council such notice shall not be less than six months.

2. On completion of the term of office, the President shall be entitled to a Fellowship under Title A, B, C, D or E, as appropriate.
(4) **STATUTE D: The Fellows**

(a) **Chapter I: Fellowships and Chapter II: Election of Fellows**

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS:** To institute the category of Bye-Fellow to enable the College to offer Bye–Fellowships to supervisors and external Directors of Studies.

**STATUTE D**

The Fellows

**Chapter I**

*Fellowships*

1. Fellowships shall be held under the following Titles:

   - **Title A:** University Official Fellowships
   - **Title B:** Research Fellowships
   - **Title C:** College Official Fellowships
   - **Title D:** Extraordinary Fellowships
   - **Title E:** Emeritus Fellowships
   - **Title F:** Visiting Fellowships
   - **Title G:** Bye-Fellowships

   Holders of Fellowships under Title E and, Title F and Title G shall not be members of the Governing Body.

2. Any stipends, allowances and privileges of holders of Fellowships under each Title shall be determined under Ordinance.

**Chapter II**

*Election of Fellows*

1. The Fellows shall be elected or re-elected by the Council.

2. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, no person shall be elected to a Fellowship without the concurrence of the majority of those members of the Council present and voting excluding the members in class (c).

3. Under Title A the Council may elect any person who holds a University office. A Fellow under Title A shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years, and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, provided that during any five-year period the said Fellow continues to hold the University office with which the tenure of that Fellowship is associated, otherwise the Fellowship is ended.

4. Under Title B the Council may elect any person whom it considers worthy to conduct research in any subject. There shall be two classes of Fellow under Title B: those in B.I who are elected by competition held annually in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by Ordinance; and those in B.II elected otherwise by the Council. In making elections under Title B in either class, the Council shall have regard to the experience and promise of the
person or persons under consideration and shall elect to the one or the other of these two classes accordingly. A Fellow elected by competition under Title B.I shall be elected for a period not exceeding three years. A Fellow elected otherwise under Title B.II shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, subject to the provisions of D.V.3. Tenure of any Fellowship under Title B shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Ordinance.

5. Under Title C the Council may elect any person who holds a College office. A Fellow under Title C shall hold a Fellowship so long as he or she holds the College office with which the tenure of that Fellowship is associated.

6. Under Title D the Council may elect any person if it considers that it will be in the interest of the College to elect the said person. A Fellow under Title D shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, subject to the provisions of D.V.3 and subject to such conditions as the Council shall in each case determine.

7. In the case of a Fellow under Title A, B, C or D elected before the date of commencement of these Statutes whose period of election differs from that set out in these revised Statutes, such Fellow shall hold his or her Fellowship for the period set out on election. Fellows elected as Professorial Fellows may continue to use the term Professorial Fellow while holding a Fellowship under Title A.

8. Under Title E the Council may confer an Emeritus Fellowship on any former President or former Fellow, in accordance with Ordinances made to that effect.

9. Under Title F the Council may confer a Visiting Fellowship on any person not normally resident in Cambridge if it considers that it will be in the interest of the College to do so. A Visiting Fellowship shall be held on such conditions and for such periods as the Council shall determine; provided that no person shall hold a Visiting Fellowship continuously for more than two years.

10. Under Title G the Council may elect to a Bye-Fellowship any person if it considers that it will be in the interest of the College to do so, in accordance with Ordinances made to that effect and subject to such conditions as the Council shall from time to time determine.

11. The Council may, for grave cause, remove an Emeritus Fellowship or Visiting Fellowship from any person on whom it has previously conferred such a Fellowship. Such removal shall be subject to the same procedures as for Fellows as set out in D.VI.
(b) Chapter VII: Honorary Fellowships and Bredon Fellowships

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS: To include provision for a procedure for considering the withdrawal of an Honorary or Bredon Fellowship.

STATUTE D
The Fellows

Chapter VII
Honorary Fellowships and Bredon Fellowships

1. The Governing Body may confer an Honorary Fellowship on any person of distinction or who has done good service to the College, such person being a member of the College or considered by the Governing Body to have a close connection to the College.

2. The Governing Body may confer a Bredon Fellowship on any person who is a benefactor of the College. A Bredon Fellowship shall be held on such conditions and for such period as determined by Ordinance.

3. The Governing Body may, for grave cause, in accordance with a procedure determined by Ordinance, remove an Honorary Fellowship or Bredon Fellowship from any person on whom it has previously conferred such a Fellowship. Any procedure determined by Ordinance shall conform to the principles of natural justice and may require a vote of the Governing Body on the matter to be decided by more than a majority of those present and voting.
(5) **STATUTE F: Finance**

**Chapter III: Annual Statements of Accounts and Audit**

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:** To clarify the eligibility of Fellows under any of Titles A-E inclusive to serve as Inspectors of Accounts.

**Chapter III**

**Annual Statements of Accounts and Audit**

1. Subject to the University Statutes, the accounts shall be kept in such form as the Governing Body may from time to time determine and shall indicate liability for such sums as may, in accordance with the University Statutes, be levied on the College.

2. The accounts shall be closed each year not earlier than 30 June and not later than 30 September at such date as the Council may determine and shall be audited forthwith.

3. The College accounts shall be audited annually by one or more qualified accountants appointed by the Governing Body. The Governing Body shall appoint three Fellows under any of Titles A-E as College Inspectors of Accounts, who shall examine these accounts, confer with the auditor or auditors, and report to the Governing Body at the Audit Meeting.

4. At least a week before the Audit Meeting of the Governing Body, the Bursar shall send to all members of the Governing Body:
   
   (a) a copy of the College accounts;
   
   (b) any reports by the auditors;
   
   (c) any other reports submitted by the Council; and
   
   (d) a report by the College Inspectors of Accounts on the general state of the College accounts.

5. Copies of the accounts shall be made accessible to members of the Governing Body at all reasonable times and they shall be entitled to inspect the full accounts of the receipts and payments in any of the College accounts.

6. On or before 31 December next following the closing of the accounts, a statement of the accounts, in the general form prescribed by the University, shall be sent, together with the auditors’ certificates, to the appropriate authority in the University.