

MAGDALENE COLLEGE JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The undergraduate members of Magdalene College, Cambridge, in statu pupillari shall continue collectively to constitute a society known as "The Junior Combination Room" (JCR).

2. MEMBERSHIP

a. Subject to sub-clause (b) of this clause, all undergraduate members of the College in statu pupillari shall automatically be members of the JCR. In addition any affiliated student of the College in statu pupillari may, by notice in writing to the President, elect to be a member of the JCR, but no such person may be a member both of the JCR and of the Middle Combination Room (MCR). However, members of the MCR who were able to vote in the JCR in the previous academic year may choose to affiliate to the JCR upon payment of any subscription fee paid by undergraduate members of the JCR. Those who choose to affiliate shall benefit from the functions of the committee as defined in clause 5 but for the purposes of this constitution shall not in any other respect be regarded as members of the JCR, shall not have the right to vote, and shall not participate in any aspect of JCR elections. No other person shall be a member of the JCR.

b. Any undergraduate member of the College may in any academic year by written notice declare that they do not wish to be a member of the JCR, and in that case such a person shall not be a member of the JCR for that academic year. Such written notice shall be served on the President of the JCR within one week of the commencement of the Michaelmas term.

c. An undergraduate member of the College who exercises the right not to be a member of the JCR shall not be unfairly disadvantaged, with regard to the provision of services or otherwise, by reason of having done so, but this shall not entitle them to make use of any services or facilities which have been paid for out of the funds of the JCR.

3. OPERATION OF THE JCR

a. The JCR shall operate in a fair and democratic manner in accordance with the Education Act 1994.

b. The JCR shall operate in accordance with this Constitution, which should be read in conjunction with the JCR Standing Orders. Together these form the basis for the operation of the JCR.

c. Should there be any contradiction between the Constitution and Standing Orders, then the former shall take precedence.

d. If any dispute arises in relation to the interpretation of the Constitution, or the Standing Orders, it shall be resolved by the JCR President. An appeal from this may be referred to the College Director of Studies in Law, whose decision shall be final.

4. COMMITTEE

The affairs of the JCR shall be managed by a Committee which shall be composed of no more than nineteen and no fewer than thirteen members, one of whom shall be the President. The President of the JCR shall be President of the Committee.

a. The executive officers of the Committee shall be:

i) The JCR President, whose duty is to preside at all meetings of the JCR and the Committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of both the meeting shall elect a Chair. In the event of the President being absent from Cambridge, or unable for some other reason to act, their powers under this Constitution shall be exercisable by the Vice-President.

ii) The Vice-President, who shall deputise for the President when required. They shall ensure that an agenda is prepared for all Committee meetings, and that minutes are taken, and shall ensure that copies of all agendas and minutes are retained for future reference.

iii) The Treasurer, who shall be responsible for the JCR accounts, who shall maintain a bank account or accounts for the JCR, and who shall prepare an end-of-year account.

b. The remaining members of the Committee, whose individual offices shall be decided by the JCR in an open meeting which shall be held each year before the opening of nominations for the earliest election fixed under clause 6(f). The JCR shall have power at any time, in an open meeting, to vary any of those offices. Should an office be created at an open meeting, the election for this office shall not take place at the open meeting at which it was created, but shall follow the election procedure set out in clause 6. An office may only be abolished at an open meeting if the position is vacant, or will be vacant by the time at which its abolition will take effect. Any decision by the JCR under this sub-clause shall be subject to the approval of the Senior Tutor.

c. Whenever the JCR has with the approval of the Senior Tutor decided on the responsibilities referred to in sub-clause (b), or has made any changes in those responsibilities, the Committee shall publish the names of the officers concerned, with the titles of their offices, and a statement of the responsibilities to be undertaken by each.

d. It shall be the responsibility of the President to ensure that any responsibilities of the Committee towards the JCR, which are not specifically to be undertaken by an individual member of the Committee in accordance with sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause, shall be dealt with in such manner and by such person or persons as they may decide.

5. FUNCTIONS

The Committee's functions shall be to further the interests of the JCR members in whatever ways seem most desirable to the Committee, and in particular:

- a. to be responsible for the running of existing JCR facilities;
- b. to provide, and to encourage the provision of, further amenities for members of the College;
- c. to provide a channel of communication between the JCR members and the Governing Body on matters of general interest;
- d. to represent the JCR members in their relations with other organisations, and to organise any necessary elections;
- e. to supervise the distribution of funds made available to the JCR by the Amalgamation Club; and
- f. to promote any other aims which the Committee consider to be of value to its members.

6. ELECTIONS

a. The President and the Committee shall be elected at the end of every Michaelmas Term to take office on 1st January in the calendar year following election, and shall hold office during that calendar year. In the event of a by-election, the winner of the by-election shall take office on a date to be determined by the Committee before the election, and shall hold office until the end of the calendar year.

b. The President and the officers of the Committee shall each be elected separately, and a person may stand in more than one election, but no more than three. All elections shall be conducted by single transferable vote. If a person is successful in more than one election, they shall be notified of this by the returning officer by noon of the day following the count and, within twenty-four hours, shall give notice in writing to the returning officer stating which office they elect to hold and, on doing so, they shall be deemed...

- i. to have been elected to that office alone; and
- ii. not to have stood in any other election, so that the person who obtained the second largest number of votes in any such other election shall be deemed to have been elected to the office in question. This person is defined as the person with the most votes after the redistribution of the votes of the person who was originally successful in that election.

If a person who is successful as referred to above fails to give the required notice within twenty-four hours they shall be deemed to have been disqualified from election for any office for which they stood. Should this occur, or if someone should win an election and decide not to take office, the person with the second largest number of votes as defined above, will be deemed elected to the office in question.

c. All JCR members are eligible for election to any office, provided they satisfy the requirements set out in the Standing Orders for that particular office.

d. All JCR members are eligible to vote in the election to any office, provided they satisfy the requirements set out in the Standing Orders for that particular office.

e. The Governing Body shall have power to issue guidance to the JCR as to the way in which elections are to be conducted. Subject thereto, the organisation of the elections is the responsibility of the Returning Officer, who shall be the Vice-President unless they are unavailable to act. If the Vice-President is unavailable to act, another member of the JCR, excluding the President, shall be appointed by the Committee. The Returning Officer may not stand for election to any office and may not nominate or second any candidate, but shall be entitled to vote. They shall be responsible for ensuring that the election process is fair and democratic and is conducted in accordance with this Constitution. The Committee may invite the Senior Tutor, or another Fellow of the College nominated by them, to act as an independent observer to ensure that the election is fairly and properly conducted in this way.

f. Elections to the different offices may be held on the same or on different days, and the date or dates shall be fixed by the Committee. Notice of every election shall be given at least two weeks in advance of the date fixed. The Committee shall fix the dates within which nominations may be submitted, which shall be not fewer than five nor more than seven days apart.

g. Every nomination must be in writing, must be proposed and seconded by members of the JCR, and must have the written consent of the nominee. They must be submitted either to the President or to the Vice-President. A list of nominations received shall be displayed by the Vice-President until the election has been concluded.

h. Any candidate for election may post a manifesto on a single side of A4 paper on such notice board as the Committee specifies by a notice given by them on the JCR notice board. The candidate may pigeonhole any member of the JCR with their manifesto, and may submit their manifesto to the JCR Committee for publication on the JCR website. The candidate may also email their manifesto to the Returning Officer, by a date to be announced by the Returning Officer, who will then distribute the manifestos received to all members of the JCR by email with each candidate's manifesto attached. Manifestos distributed by email may not exceed, if printed out, a single side of A4 paper.

i. Campaigning:

i. Candidates are responsible for the conduct of their campaigners. Any person actively promoting a candidate will be counted as a campaigner.

ii. No campaigning may begin until the time advertised by the returning officer.

iii. Candidates and campaigners may not make reference to another candidate's personal attributes. They may make reference to their political beliefs, manifesto commitments and record in office providing references are not defamatory.

iv. Campaigners may not campaign for multiple candidates in the same election at the same time.

v. Candidates may not endorse each other or share resources.

j. Campaigning on social media and via email:

i. No pre-existing pages, groups or other social media accounts other than personal accounts may be used for campaigning.

ii. No candidates may use pre-existing mailing lists to campaign.

iii. All campaigning must abide by relevant proctoral notices and the rules of University and the College.

k. Any breach of the provisions of clauses 6(h)-6(j) shall be considered by the Committee, who shall have power to take evidence from any person whom they consider appropriate. They may then, if they think fit and after giving the candidate in question written particulars of the alleged breach and an opportunity of an oral hearing, declare that they are disqualified from standing for election or (if the election has taken place) declare them to have received no votes. There shall be an appeal from any decision by the Committee under this sub-clause to the College's Assistant Bursar, or to such other person as the Master may direct, and their decision shall be final.

l. The Committee shall fix the date and time for an open meeting, to be held after the closing date for nominations and before the date of any election, at which candidates shall have the right to present their manifestos. The Committee may fix the same date and time for an open meeting for all the elections together, or may fix more than one date and time for this purpose.

m. Each election shall be conducted using one or both of paper and online methods.

n. Where a ballot is conducted wholly or in part by paper, all ballot papers to be used in the election shall be in the same form and indistinguishable from one another.

o. The election shall be carried out by secret ballot.

p. Only those who are eligible to do so may vote at the election.

q. Any JCR member who is unable to vote in person if there is a paper ballot and is also unable to vote online if there is an online ballot may vote by sending their vote in writing to reach the returning officer before the close of voting.

r. If an equal number of votes is cast for any candidate, the returning officer shall determine the matter by lot, and the candidate on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to have received an extra vote.

- s. The votes cast in all elections must be counted by the Returning Officer within 24 hours after the end of all voting. The results of all elections must be displayed by the returning officer, with the numbers of votes cast, by noon of the day following the count and shall remain displayed for seven days. The Governing Body shall take such steps as they deem necessary to satisfy themselves that all JCR elections are fairly and properly conducted.
- t. It shall be the responsibility of the returning officer to retain all the ballot papers, and, where there is an online element to the ballot, the computer transcript of the online votes, in a secure place for a period of seven days after any election.
- u. If no nomination is received for the election of the President or of one or more of the members of the Committee, any member of the JCR may, if they consent, be elected at an open meeting to fill the vacancy.
- v. If no person is elected to any particular office the Committee may appoint a JCR member to fill it, after advertising the vacancy on the JCR notice board for at least five days, and after interviewing any candidate who, within the period specified in the advertisement, puts themselves forward for appointment.
- w. If any executive officer for any reason resigns from office unexpectedly and is thus unable to carry out their duties, a by-election shall take place in accordance with the provisions of this clause. The person elected will hold office for the remainder of the term to which the resigning officer had been elected, and shall be eligible thereafter to stand for re-election to the Committee.
- x. If any non-executive officer for any reason resigns from office unexpectedly and is thus unable to carry out their duties, the JCR Committee will be able to appoint a JCR member to the vacant position after advertising the vacancy on the JCR notice board for at least five days, and after interviewing any candidate who, within the period specified in the advertisement, puts themselves forward for appointment. The person so appointed will hold office for the remainder of the term to which the resigning officer had been elected, and shall be eligible thereafter to stand for re-election to the Committee.
- y. If an elected member of the JCR Committee is known to be graduating or going on a year abroad during their term in office, so that they will be unable to fulfil their duties in the following Michaelmas term, a replacement shall be elected from among members of the JCR prior to the departure of the elected member in question. The election will be carried out by ballot and under the procedure set out in clause 6. The person so elected will hold office for the Michaelmas term only, and shall be eligible thereafter to stand for re-election to the Committee.

7. SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. With the approval of the majority of the Executive, each member of the Committee is entitled to establish and chair a Sub-Committee, to be formed of members of the JCR.
- b. The appointment of members of all sub-committees shall be the responsibility of the member of the Committee establishing the Sub-Committee. All vacancies must be

advertised on the JCR notice board for at least five days and every candidate who puts themselves forward for appointment shall be considered.

c. The Executive Officers of the JCR Committee shall have the right to attend all meetings of any Sub- Committee.

d. No liability may be incurred by any Sub-Committee, on behalf of the JCR, without the authority of a resolution of the JCR Committee.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. The President shall call the first meeting of the Committee within one week of the start of full Lent Term.

b. The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be 50% rounded down, of the total number of members of the Committee.

c. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Any resolution of the Committee shall be passed by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of an equal division of the votes, the President shall have a second and casting vote.

d. If any Committee member is absent without good cause from three consecutive Committee meetings they shall be presumed to have resigned from the Committee. In any such event the Committee shall fill the resulting vacancy using the procedure outline in clause 6.

9. FINANCE

a. The Governing Body shall give directions to the JCR as to how its financial affairs are to be conducted, and the requirements of this clause are subject to any such directions which may be given.

b. Within two weeks of the commencement of every Full Lent Term the JCR Committee shall agree a budget for its year in office and shall submit it to the Governing Body for approval.

c. The President and Treasurer of the JCR shall put forward the Committee's claims for financial support at the meetings of the Committee of the Amalgamation Club.

d. No liability which is, or could be, in excess of fifty pounds (£50) may be incurred on behalf of the JCR without the authority of a resolution of the Committee.

e. Any cheque drawn on any JCR bank account must be signed by two of the following, namely the President, the Vice-President and the Treasurer.

f. Any JCR member shall be entitled on request to see the JCR's annual budget, end-of-year accounts and the current state of the accounts.

g. The accounts of the JCR shall be audited as soon as practicable after the end of the calendar year and shall then be made available to the Governing Body and published.

10. CONTRACTS

No written contract may be entered into by or on behalf of the JCR without the authority of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee. Such a resolution shall not be moved (and, if moved and passed, shall not be valid) unless a copy of the proposed contract has been tabled at the meeting, endorsed with a statement by the Director of Studies in law or by some person nominated by them, advising that the contract is a suitable one for the Committee to enter into. No written contract shall be valid and binding on the JCR if the requirements of this clause have not been complied with in respect of it.

11. CONDUCT

In any public or private statement a member of the JCR must take all reasonable steps to ensure that their personal views are not mistaken for an expression of the views of the JCR members in general, except where the statement has been approved in advance by the Committee or a resolution has been passed after a referendum under clause 19.

12. JCR MEETINGS

a. It shall be the duty of the President to convene an open meeting of the JCR members no fewer than five times a year, with at least one meeting a term. All resolutions shall be passed if approved by a majority of all those present and voting, provided that no resolution shall be passed unless approved by a majority of the members of the JCR Committee present and voting. Where a resolution is approved by a majority of all members present and voting, but is not approved by a majority of the members of the JCR Committee present and voting, the JCR Committee shall, within one week, call a further open meeting at which the resolution shall be again discussed, and voted upon. At such a further open meeting the resolution shall be passed simply upon approval by a majority of all those present and voting.

b. Subject to clause 12(c) below, all resolutions passed at an open meeting, or, as the case may be, at a further open meeting called in accordance with clause 12(a) above, will take effect one week from the date of the meeting at which they are passed. If a referendum on the resolution is called in accordance with the provisions of clause 19, the resolution will be suspended pending the outcome of the referendum. If passed at the referendum, it will take effect one week after the referendum voting closes.

c. If within one week from the date of an open meeting, or, as the case may be, a further open meeting called in accordance with clause 12(a) above, the President receives a petition signed by not fewer than 10% of the JCR membership requesting a referendum on a resolution passed or not passed at the open meeting, or as the case may be, at the further open meeting, the Committee shall set a date for a referendum which shall not be fewer than seven nor more than fourteen days after the petition is received by the President. The referendum shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast, provided that it shall be

effective only if the size of that majority exceeds the number of votes by which the resolution at the open meeting, or, as the case may be, at the further open meeting called in accordance with clause 12(a) above, had been passed or not passed.

d. If the President receives a petition signed by not fewer than 10 % of JCR membership, giving their reasons for requesting the President to do so, the President shall call an extraordinary open meeting of the JCR members for a date within a week of the receipt of the petition. Resolutions at an extraordinary open meeting shall be passed or not passed in accordance with the provisions of clauses 12(a)-(c) above.

e. A motion must be submitted to the Vice-President not later than seventy-two hours before the meeting. Every motion must be signed by the persons intending to propose and second it. The Committee must publish a full agenda not less than forty-eight hours before a meeting. The order of the motions shall be determined by the Committee.

f. The quorum at an open meeting shall be ten members.

g. Subject to clauses 15 and 17, non-members of the JCR may attend and speak at a meeting by invitation of the Committee, but may not vote.

h. If an amendment is moved to a motion it may be accepted by the proposer of the motion, in which case it shall form part of the substantive motion to be voted upon. If the proposer does not accept it, a vote shall be taken to decide whether it is to form part of the substantive motion. The substantive motion itself must be voted on separately.

i. If the proposer and seconder of a motion are absent from a meeting, or if a motion is withdrawn at a meeting, the motion may still be voted on if it is re-proposed at the meeting.

j. All motions proposed, seconded and submitted in accordance with this Constitution must, if not withdrawn, be discussed at the next open meeting. If, in the opinion of the President, the open meeting would in consequence of this continue for an unreasonable time the President may, with the approval of the meeting, carry any outstanding motion over to the next open meeting, which they must summon to be held within seven days. Any motions so carried over shall take priority over new motions.

k. Subject to the provisions of clause 12(a) above, a motion which either has been voted on at an open meeting, or which in the opinion of the Committee is in substance identical to such a motion, may not without the approval of the Committee be proposed at either of the next two meetings.

l. At any meeting, should any person make a remark which, in the opinion of someone attending the meeting is discriminatory against any person or body. This person may object to the Chair, who will decide whether to uphold the objection or not. If the objection is upheld, the person who made the remark will be asked by the Chair to withdraw the remark. If such a person refuses to withdraw the remark they will be formally asked to retract it and will, if he or she refuses to do so, be expelled from the meeting.

13. JCR POLICY

- a. Valid motions that are passed at an open meeting in accordance with the provisions of clause 12, or at a referendum in accordance with the provisions of clause 19, shall become part of JCR policy for a period of two years from when they took effect, unless they, or a section of them, are removed in a subsequent valid motion.
- b. It is the responsibility of the Vice-President to ensure that JCR policy is archived in such a manner that it is accessible to subsequent committees.
- c. Any member of the JCR, may request to see the policy of the JCR at any time.
- d. Policy that is due to lapse in accordance with clause 13(a), is to be brought by the Vice-President to the JCR open meeting immediately prior to the date on which it is due to lapse to be voted on again in accordance with clause 12. If the motion is passed again, it will form part of JCR policy for another 2 years, unless changed by a subsequent motion.

14. PROCEDURE FOR A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

If it is wished to pass a vote of No Confidence in any member of the Committee:

- a. The Senior Tutor must receive a petition from JCR members constituting one fifth of the JCR or 60 in number, whichever is the greater, giving reasons. On receipt of such a petition, the officer in question will be suspended, and the Committee will elect a person to act in their place pending the outcome of the referendum under sub-clause (c) of this clause.
- b. An Open Meeting must be held within one week of receipt of the petition to discuss the issue and allow the officer in question to answer the accusations levelled against them. This shall be chaired by the Senior Tutor or a Fellow of the College appointed by them.
- c. A referendum must be held within one week of the Open Meeting. This shall be administered by the Senior Tutor or a Fellow of the College appointed by them. If the proposed vote of No Confidence is then passed by a majority of the votes of not fewer than one half of the JCR membership, the officer in question shall be removed from their position. Any member of the JCR other than the person against whom the vote of No Confidence has been passed may, if they consents, be elected to fill the vacancy, following the procedure outlined in clause 6 above.

15. JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

- a. Whenever a matter arises which, either in the opinion of the President or in that of the President of the Middle Combination Room (MCR), affects the members of both the JCR and the MCR, the President shall discuss it with the President of the MCR. If both Presidents agree that a joint meeting is desirable, the President of the JCR shall convene an open meeting of the members of both bodies to decide the matter. At such a meeting the issue to be decided shall be moved jointly by both Presidents in such form as they think most appropriate. A decision on the matter will be taken by a majority vote of all those present and voting, provided that if within one week of that vote being held, the President of the

JCR receives a petition signed by not fewer than forty members of either or both bodies, requesting them to do so, the committee of the JCR shall arrange for the matter to be decided by a referendum of all the members of both bodies. The provisions of clause 12(c) above shall apply to such a referendum in the same way as they do to a referendum held in accordance with that clause.

b. Should the two Presidents be unable to agree either as to whether a joint meeting under sub- clause (a) of this clause is desirable, or as to the form in which the issue to be decided should be moved, the matter shall be submitted to the Master, who shall decide how the matter in dispute between the Presidents is to be resolved, and their decision shall be final and binding.

16. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

All undergraduate members of the College or groups of such members who are dissatisfied in their dealings with the JCR, or who claim to be unfairly disadvantaged by reason of having exercised the right not to be a member of the JCR, may refer a complaint to the President of the JCR. An appeal shall lie from the President of the JCR to the Master, who may not delegate their responsibility for hearing the appeal. The Master may, if they think fit, before deciding an appeal, invite the Governing Body to appoint an independent person to investigate and report on any complaint. The decision of the Master shall be final. If a complaint is upheld, the Governing Body shall have power to provide such effective remedy, if any, as they consider appropriate.

17. AFFILIATION TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The members of the JCR may choose to affiliate to, or disaffiliate from, any external organisation.

a. If at any time the JCR decides to affiliate to an external organisation, the Committee shall publish notice of the decision stating:

- i. the name of the organisation, and
- ii. details of any subscription or similar fee paid or proposed to be paid, and of any donation made or proposed to be made, to the organisation.

b. Copies of any such notice shall be made available to the Bursar for the information of the Governing Body and to all undergraduate members of the College in statu pupillari.

Where the JCR is affiliated to any external organisations, the Committee shall publish an annual report containing:

- i. a list of the external organisations to which the JCR is currently affiliated, and
- ii. details of subscriptions or similar fees paid, or donations made, to such organisations in the past year.

Copies of all such reports shall be made available to the Bursar for the information of the Governing Body and to all undergraduate members of the College in statu pupillari.

c. Where the JCR is affiliated to any external organisations:

i. the Committee shall annually submit the current list of affiliations for approval by members of the JCR;

ii. if not fewer than five per cent of the members of the JCR make a requisition at any time requiring the question of continued affiliation to any particular organisation to be decided upon, the Committee shall arrange for the matter to be decided by a referendum to which the procedure in clause 12(c) shall apply as if a petition had been made under that clause, save that the voting shall be by secret ballot. No such requisition may be made sooner than one year after the last requisition (if any) to have been made.

18. AFFILIATION TO CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION (CUSU)

a. The members of the JCR may choose to affiliate to, or disaffiliate from CUSU under the provisions of this clause.

b. In order to affiliate to or disaffiliate from CUSU, the President must receive a petition signed by not fewer than 10% of the JCR membership requesting a referendum on CUSU affiliation.

c. A referendum on affiliation or disaffiliation shall then take place in accordance with the provisions of clause 19 subject to a requirement for this purpose that the referendum be passed by a majority of the votes of not fewer than one-third of the membership of the JCR.

d. A referendum on affiliation or disaffiliation to CUSU in accordance with the provisions of this clause and clause 19 may not be called any sooner than one year after the last referendum on affiliation or disaffiliation took place.

19. REFERENDUMS

The Committee shall hold a referendum, at which all JCR members shall be entitled to vote by secret ballot –

a. In the event of the President receiving a petition under clause 12(c).

b. In the event of a requisition being received in accordance with clause 17(c).

c. In the event of the President receiving a petition under clause 18(b).

d. To amend the Constitution in accordance with clause 20.

e. Whenever they consider that the importance of a matter to be decided justifies this.

20. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

If an amendment to the Constitution is proposed -

- a. by the Committee, or
- b. in a notice to the Committee signed by not fewer than 10% of the JCR membership,

it shall be submitted to a referendum of JCR members. If the proposed amendment is then passed by a majority of the votes of not fewer than one-third of the membership of the JCR, it shall come into force after confirmation by the Governing Body.

21. AMENDMENT OF THE JCR STANDING ORDERS

a. The Standing Orders may be amended through referendum in compliance with clause 19 of the Constitution, or by a two-thirds majority in a quorate JCR open meeting. A two-thirds majority for this purpose is taken to mean that those voting in favour outnumber those voting against by at least two to one, regardless of those abstaining.

b. All amendments to the Standing Orders are subject to the approval of the Senior Tutor.

c. Any amendments to the Standing Orders at an open meeting are subject to the same procedure as motions, as set out in clause 12.

22. APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

a. No amendment to this Constitution shall take effect until it has been approved by the Governing Body.

b. This Constitution shall be reviewed by the Governing Body at intervals of not more than five years.

23. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution, unless the contrary be provided:

a. "The College" means the College of Saint Mary Magdalene in the University of Cambridge.

b. "The President" means the President of Magdalene JCR.

c. "The Executive" means the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of Magdalene JCR.

d. A person in statu pupillari means a matriculated member of the College who is actively pursuing a course of study leading to a degree, diploma or certificate conferred by the University of Cambridge.

e. Any reference in clause 6 to an office shall be construed as meaning any office referred to in sub- clauses (a) to (c) of clause 4, and any reference in clause 14 to an officer shall have a comparable meaning.

This Constitution was approved at the meeting of the Governing Body held on 11 November 2002 and includes amendments approved at the meeting of the Governing Body held on 2 December 2004. It was reviewed and re-approved in accordance with clause 22(b) at the meeting of the Governing Body held on 26 June 2008, and at the meeting of the Governing Body held on 5 December 2013.

At its meeting on 5 December 2013 the Governing Body approved an amendment in relation to the provisions concerning the women's officer, subject to approval in a referendum of the members of the JCR held in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. This approval was subsequently obtained, as reported to the Governing Body at the meeting held on 23 January 2014.

At its meeting on 17 May 2018 the Governing Body approved amendments, which had been previously been approved by the JCR in a referendum of its members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Constitution was reviewed and re-approved in accordance with clause 22(b) at the same Governing Body meeting on 17 May 2018.

At its meeting on 12 November 2020, the Governing Body approved an amendment to clause 4 regarding the number of members on the committee, which had been previously been approved by the JCR in a referendum of its members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.