

Proposals to amend the Charter and Statutes of Newnham College

November 2023

The Governing Body of Newnham College seeks to amend the College's Charter and Statutes with regard to the following:

- Usage of the phrase '*in statu pupillari*'
- student representation on the Governing Body and Council,
- Associate Fellows: number, duration and arrangements for elections
- Updating the list of those College Officers who may be eligible for election to a Fellowship in Category D
- Updating references to what was 'Schedule B' in the University Statutes
- Moving governance of student behaviour from the Statutes to the Ordinances

Usage of the phrase '*in statu pupillari*'

A few years ago, changes were made to the University's Statutes and Ordinances that removed the use of '*in statu pupillari*' from most definitions of students, replacing it in almost all contexts with 'registered student' whether undergraduate or postgraduate. The University Statutes have done this by adding a definition of 'registered student.' The amendments proposed here uses the same definition of 'registered student' as in the University Statutes (University Statute A, Chapter X paragraph 2(c)).

There is additional wording to ensure than any senior member of Governing Body, taking a part-time Masters course would still able to attend reserved business and receive reserved papers.

Student representation on the Governing Body and Council

The number of junior members of the Governing Body and Council are fixed by Statute. The amendments proposed here are to move the specification of the numbers of both to the Ordinances of the Governing Body and, in the case of Junior Members, also to the Ordinances of the Council. This will allow the Ordinances to be changed to allow equal representation between the MCR and JCR on Governing Body and Council.

Associate Fellows: number and arrangements for election to casual vacancies

The number of Associate Fellows is also fixed by Statute. Although the Governing Body has no plans to change this number, this sort of detail is better specified in the Ordinances.

The current arrangements in the Statutes for election to casual vacancies among Associate Fellows are overly restrictive, requiring such vacancies to wait for the Annual General Meetings of both the Associates and the Governing Body, so potentially leaving a vacancy open for up to one year. The proposal would allow a casual vacancy to be filled at any meeting of the Associates and Governing Body.

It is also proposed that there should be a limit of two consecutive terms for an Associate Fellow to serve.

Updating the list of those College Officers who may be eligible for election to a Fellowship in Category D

As some of the titles listed in the current Statute for eligibility for election to a Fellowship in Category D, have since changed it is proposed to amend these to the updated equivalents and to create future flexibility by allowing the Governing Body to specify other roles by Ordinance.

Updating references to ‘Schedule B’

References to Schedule B in the University’s Statutes and Ordinances are now obsolete and is it proposed to replace all such references with the updated reference: Schedule to Special Ordinance C (vii).

Moving governance of student behaviour to the Ordinances

It is proposed to replace the statute which governs student behaviour (Statute XVII) with a statement to make clear that student behaviour is governed by the Ordinance of the Council and to replace the phrase ‘*in statu pupillari*’ with ‘registered student.’ This will enable all such matters to be dealt with in one place and to be updated more easily in line with changes recommended by the Office for the Independent Adjudicator and the University Office for Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals. This would also bring the definition of ‘student’ in line with that used by the University in its rules of behaviour and disciplinary procedure.

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Proposals to amend Newnham College Statutes

	Current text	Current text with Track Changes	Proposed new text (clean)
Statute 1 (4) Interpretation	(f) ' <i>In statu pupillari</i> ' shall mean a member of the College who has not been admitted to some office in the University, to a Fellowship or office of a College, or to any degree higher than that of Bachelor of Arts, Law, Medicine, Surgery, Music, or Veterinary Medicine, and is of less than three and a half years' standing from admission to her first degree (if any).	(f) ' <i>In statu pupillari</i> ' shall mean a member of the College who has not been admitted to some office in the University, to a Fellowship or office of a College, or to any degree higher than that of Bachelor of Arts, Law, Medicine, Surgery, Music, or Veterinary Medicine, and is of less than three and a half years' standing from admission to her first degree (if any). (g) ' Registered student ' shall mean any person who has matriculated as a student and is currently pursuing a course of study in the University, or any person pursuing a course of study leading to the award of a degree, certificate, or diploma of the University. '	(f) ' <i>In statu pupillari</i> ' shall mean a member of the College who has not been admitted to some office in the University, to a Fellowship or office of a College, or to any degree higher than that of Bachelor of Arts, Law, Medicine, Surgery, Music, or Veterinary Medicine, and is of less than three and a half years' standing from admission to her first degree (if any). (g) 'Registered student' shall mean any person who has matriculated as a student and is currently pursuing a course of study in the University, or any person pursuing a course of study leading to the award of a degree, certificate, or diploma of the University.'

Statute	Current text	Current text with Track Changes	Proposed new text (clean)
Statute I (7)	No person <i>in statu pupillari</i> shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of any body constituted in the College by the Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, for the discussion of, or decision on, any matter which the Chairman of the meeting declares to be reserved.	No person <i>in statu pupillari</i> who is a registered student, unless they are also a Fellow or hold a College office entitling them to attend Governing Body, shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of any body constituted in the College by the	No person who is a registered student, unless they are also a Fellow or hold a College office entitling them to attend Governing Body, shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of any body constituted in the College by the Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, for the discussion of, or

	<p>The following matters shall be reserved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the election of individuals to any College office or Fellowship; (b) the employment or promotion, or any matter relating to the employment or promotion, of individuals by the College; (c) the admission and academic assessment of individuals; (d) such matters as may be specified by Statute, Ordinance, or Regulations made under Statute XI 1 in respect of any particular body or class of bodies; (e) any other matter at the discretion of the Chairman. <p>In any case of doubt, the Chairman shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and her decision shall be final. No person in <i>statu pupillari</i> shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business or any communication concerning the content of such papers, except that members of any</p>	<p>Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, for the discussion of, or decision on, any matter which the Chairman of the meeting declares to be reserved. The following matters shall be reserved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the election of individuals to any College office or Fellowship; (b) the employment or promotion, or any matter relating to the employment or promotion, of individuals by the College; (c) the admission and academic assessment of individuals; (d) such matters as may be specified by Statute, Ordinance, or Regulations made under Statute XI 1 in respect of any particular body or class of bodies; (e) any other matter at the discretion of the Chairman. <p>In any case of doubt, the Chairman shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and her decision shall be final. No person in <i>statu pupillari</i> person who is a registered student, unless they are</p>	<p>decision on, any matter which the Chairman of the meeting declares to be reserved. The following matters shall be reserved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the election of individuals to any College office or Fellowship; (b) the employment or promotion, or any matter relating to the employment or promotion, of individuals by the College; (c) the admission and academic assessment of individuals; (d) such matters as may be specified by Statute, Ordinance, or Regulations made under Statute XI 1 in respect of any particular body or class of bodies; (e) any other matter at the discretion of the Chairman. <p>In any case of doubt, the Chairman shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and her decision shall be final. No person who is a registered student unless they are also a Fellow or hold a College office entitling them to attend Governing Body, shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business or any communication concerning the content of such papers, except that members of any body constituted by the</p>
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	<p>body constituted by the Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, who are in <i>statu pupillari</i> may, if that body so decides, receive the agenda relating to reserved business and also, if that body so decides, the minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business.</p>	<p>also a Fellow or hold a College office entitling them to attend Governing Body, shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business or any communication concerning the content of such papers, except that members of any body constituted by the Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, who are in-<i>statu pupillari</i> registered students may, if that body so decides, receive the agenda relating to reserved business and also, if that body so decides, the minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business.</p>	<p>Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, who are registered students may, if that body so decides, receive the agenda relating to reserved business and also, if that body so decides, the minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business.</p>
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Proposal 2. Proposal to amend the Representation of Junior Members in the Statutes

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<p>Statute IV 1 The Governing Body</p>	<p>1. The Constitution of the Governing Body shall be that prescribed by the Charter. The number of Junior Members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(g) of the Charter from among members of the College <i>in statu pupillari</i> resident in the University shall be four. They shall be elected by the members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> resident in the University, in such manner and for such</p>	<p>1. The Constitution of the Governing Body shall be that prescribed by the Charter. The number of Junior Members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(g) of the Charter from among members of the College in-<i>statu pupillari</i> who are registered students resident in the University shall be four as specified by Ordinance. They shall be elected by the members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> who are registered</p>	<p>1. The Constitution of the Governing Body shall be that prescribed by the Charter. The number of Junior Members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(g) of the Charter from among members of the College who are registered students resident in the University shall be as specified by Ordinance. They shall be elected by the members of the College who are registered students resident in the University, in such manner and for such</p>

	periods as shall be specified by Ordinance.	students resident in the University, in such manner and for such periods as shall be specified by Ordinance.	periods as shall be specified by Ordinance.
Statute V 1 (c) The Council	1. The Council shall consist of: (c) Three junior members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> resident in the University elected by the members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> resident in the University, in such manner and for such period as shall be specified by Ordinance.	1. The Council shall consist of: (c) Three Such number of junior members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> who are registered students resident in the University, as specified by Ordinance , elected by the members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> who are registered students resident in the University, in such manner and for such period as shall be specified by Ordinance.	1. The Council shall consist of: (c) Such number of junior members of the College who are registered students resident in the University, as specified by Ordinance, elected by the members of the College who are registered students resident in the University, in such manner and for such period as shall be specified by Ordinance

Proposal 3. Proposals covering Associate Fellows: numbers, timing of elections, mode of elections and duration of Fellowships in the Statutes

	Current text	Current text with Track Changes	Proposed new text (clean)
Statute III 2(f) Fellows	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (f) The Governing Body shall elect to Associate Fellowships the members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(f) of the Charter from Associates and ex-Associates. The number of Associate Fellows shall be three	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (f) The Governing Body shall elect to Associate Fellowships the members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(f) of the Charter from Associates and ex-Associates. The number of Associate Fellows shall be three fixed by Ordinance.	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (f) The Governing Body shall elect to Associate Fellowships the members of the Governing Body to be elected under Article 4(f) of the Charter from Associates and ex-Associates. The number of Associate Fellows shall be fixed by Ordinance.

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Statute III 3 (c) Associate Fellows	(c) Every Associate Fellow shall take office at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which she was elected and shall retain office until the close of the third Annual General Meeting following her election, provided always that the Associate Fellow elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for so much as remains of the period for which the person to whose place she succeeds was elected.	(c) Every Associate Fellow shall take office at the close of the Annual General Meeting meeting at which she was elected and shall retain office until the close of the third Annual General Meeting following her election, provided always that the Associate Fellow elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for so much as remains of the period for which the person to whose place she succeeds was elected. Associate Fellowships are normally limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years.	(c) Every Associate Fellow shall take office at the close of the meeting at which she was elected and shall retain office until the close of the third Annual General Meeting following her election, provided always that the Associate Fellow elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for so much as remains of the period for which the person to whose place she succeeds was elected. Associate Fellowships are normally limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years.

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Statute III 3(f) Fellows	3. Duration of Fellowships (f) A retiring Associate Fellow shall be eligible for re-election.	3. Duration of Fellowships (f) A retiring Associate Fellow shall be eligible for re-election. Associate Fellowships are normally limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years.	3. Duration of Fellowships (f) Associate Fellowships are normally limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years.

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Statute XV 5 Associates	5. It shall be the duty of the Associates to nominate annually from Associates or Ex-Associates candidates from whom the Governing Body shall elect at their	5. It shall be the duty of the Associates to nominate annually from Associates or Ex-Associates candidates from whom the Governing Body shall elect at their	5. It shall be the duty of the Associates to nominate annually from Associates or Ex-Associates candidates from whom the Governing Body shall elect at their Annual General Meeting such number of

	Annual General Meeting such number of the Governing Body as is provided in these Statutes. The number of candidates nominated in any year shall be two more than the number of vacancies for Associate Fellows on Governing Body	Annual General Meeting such number of the Governing Body as is provided in these Statutes. The number of candidates nominated in any year shall be two more than the number of vacancies for Associate Fellows on Governing Body specified by Ordinance.	the Governing Body as is provided in these Statutes. The number of candidates nominated in any year shall be specified by Ordinance.
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Proposal 4. Proposal to update the list of College officers who may be elected to a Fellowship in Category D

	Current text	Current text with Track Changes	Proposed new text (clean)
Statute III 2 (c) Fellows	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D: (i) any woman appointed to the College office of Librarian, Steward, Junior Bursar or College Secretary	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D: (i) any woman appointed to the College office of Librarian, Steward, Junior Bursar Domestic Bursar, Junior Bursar Development Director or College Secretary and any other College office as specified from time to time by the Governing Body in an Ordinance of the Governing Body.	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D: (i) any woman appointed to the College office of Librarian, Domestic Bursar, Development Director and any other College office as specified from time to time by the Governing Body in an Ordinance of the Governing Body.

Proposal 5. Proposals to update references to ‘Schedule B,’ in the Statutes

	Current text	Current text with Track Changes	Proposed new text (clean)
Statute III 2 (c)ii Fellows	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D... (ii) any woman holding a University office not specified in Schedule B of the University Statutes, whether or not the Council may have assigned to her specific College duties.	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D... (ii) any woman holding a University office not specified in Schedule B of the University Statutes not placed in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (vii) , whether or not the Council may have assigned to her specific College duties.	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (c) The Governing Body may elect to a Fellowship in Category D... (ii) any woman holding a University office not placed in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (vii), whether or not the Council may have assigned to her specific College duties.

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Statute III 2 (e) Fellows	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (e) Subject to the Statutes of the University, the Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any woman who is one of the University officers specified for the time being in Schedule B of the University Statutes. Provided that no woman shall be elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not receive the votes of two-thirds of all those members of the Governing Body entitled to vote under Statute IV 11, Provided further that no woman shall be	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (e) Subject to the Statutes of the University, the Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any woman who is one of the University officers specified for the time being in Schedule B of the University Statutes. holding a Professorship placed in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (vii) of the University. Such a Fellow shall hold a Fellowship in this class so long as she holds the University appointment with which it is associated. Provided that no	2. Election and Re-election of Fellows (e) The Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any woman holding a Professorship placed in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (vii) of the University. Such a Fellow shall hold a Fellowship in this class so long as she holds the University appointment with which it is associated. Provided that no woman shall be elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not receive the votes of two-thirds of all those members of the Governing Body entitled to vote under Statute IV 11, Provided further that no woman shall be elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not

	elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not receive the votes of a quorum of the Governing Body.	woman shall be elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not receive the votes of two-thirds of all those members of the Governing Body entitled to vote under Statute IV 11, Provided further that no woman shall be elected to a Professorial Fellowship who does not receive the votes of a quorum of the Governing Body.	receive the votes of a quorum of the Governing Body.
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Proposal 6. Proposal covering student discipline in the Statutes

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Statute XVII	Members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> shall comply with any instructions given by a College officer or any other person authorised to act on behalf of the College in the proper discharge of her duties; they shall apply themselves diligently to their studies and observe the Statutes, Ordinances and regulations of the College. If any member of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> shall not observe the Statutes, Ordinances and regulations or shall be guilty of any offence subversive of discipline	Members of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> shall comply with any instructions given by a College officer or any other person authorised to act on behalf of the College in the proper discharge of her duties; they shall apply themselves diligently to their studies and observe the Statutes, Ordinances and regulations of the College. If any member of the College in <i>statu pupillari</i> shall not observe the Statutes, Ordinances and regulations or shall be guilty of any offence subversive of discipline	For the purpose of this Statute and of Ordinances and rules of behaviour and disciplinary procedures made under it, a student of the College is any member of the College who is a registered student, other than a Fellow or a person holding a College Office entitling them to attend Governing Body, together with such other categories of person designated as students by the Governing Body. The Council shall have power to make Ordinances governing the behaviour of and disciplinary procedures for students of the College.

	<p>and good order, she shall be penalised by the Principal or Tutor in such manner as shall be thought fit, provided that the penalty of removal from the College for a term or terms or permanently, or in the case of a scholar, deprivation of her scholarship or partial forfeiture of the emoluments thereof shall be inflicted only by the Council.</p>	<p>and good order, she shall be penalised by the Principal or Tutor in such manner as shall be thought fit, provided that the penalty of removal from the College for a term or terms or permanently, or in the case of a scholar, deprivation of her scholarship or partial forfeiture of the emoluments thereof shall be inflicted only by the Council.</p> <p>For the purpose of this Statute and of Ordinances and rules of behaviour and disciplinary procedures made under it, a student of the College is any member of the College who is a registered student, other than a Fellow or a person holding a College Office entitling them to attend Governing Body, together with such other categories of person designated as students by the Governing Body.</p> <p>The Council shall have power to make Ordinances governing the behaviour of and disciplinary procedures for students of the College.</p>	
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A Special Statute made by the Governing Body of Newnham College
revising the existing Charter of the College
November 2023

This Special Statute seeks to amend the existing Charter of Newnham College, first granted to the College in 1917.

The proposed revisions to the Charter Article 4 and 11 are specifically intended to bring the definition of student in line with that now used by the University. ‘Registered student’ will be defined in a concomitant amendment to the College’s Statutes.

Charter Article 4 current text

The Governing Body shall consist of:

- (g) A number to be fixed by the Statutes and to be elected as prescribed by the Statutes from among the junior members of the College *in statu pupillari* as defined by the Statutes.

Proposed amendment

► Replace paragraph (g) with new text as follows:

The Governing Body shall consist of:

- (g) A number to be fixed by the Statutes and to be elected as prescribed by the Statutes from among the junior members of the College who are registered students as defined by the Statutes.

Charter Article 11 current text

There shall be a Council of the College which shall consist of:

- (c) A number to be prescribed by the Statutes and to be elected as prescribed by the Statutes from among the junior members of the College *in statu pupillari* as defined by the Statutes.

Proposed amendment

► Replace paragraph (c) with new text as follows:

There shall be a Council of the College which shall consist of:

- (c) A number to be prescribed by the Statutes and to be elected as prescribed by the Statutes from among the junior members of the College who are registered students as defined by the Statutes.