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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Dental Surgery held on 21 November 2024 at 17.15

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1.	Welcome and Apologies The Dean welcomed attendees to the Faculty of Dental Surgery AGM both present and online. Apologies were received from the following: Chitta Chowdhury Colwyn Jones Carol Tait Sir Nairn Wilson Mahesh Verma	
2.	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 2020 The minutes of the AGM of 7 th December 2023 were approved.	
3.	Matters arising from the minutes There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.	
4.	Report from Vice President (Dental) and Dean of the Faculty The Dean delivered her report, which incorporated all Dental Faculty business, focusing on the following key areas: Membership and Engagement The Faculty's Membership base remained stable, showing an overall increase of 0.9% despite economic pressures. While Fellow and Member numbers grew, Student Membership saw a decline due to the introduction of a small fee, which was deemed an unavoidable change. There was a 10% rise in international Members and Fellows, attributed largely to the non-examination route for Membership via the Dental Membership and engagement Board. The Dean commended the DMEB chaired by Dr. Carol Tate, for its rigorous assessment of Membership applications. The Dean urged Members to encourage experienced practitioners, particularly in the UK, to apply for Fellowship or Membership through this route. - International strategy remains a vital focus for the Faculty, despite challenges in maintaining overseas examination centres. While the Hong Kong MFDS centre continues to perform well, centres in Cairo and Chennai have seen reduced demand due to economic and logistical constraints. The Faculty is actively evaluating its international strategy, with a dedicated strategy day scheduled for December. Examinations The Faculty made substantial progress in reforming its examinations. The MFDS examination underwent significant strategic development. Collaborating with sister colleges in Edinburgh and England, the Faculty initiated work on creating a single unified UK MFDS examination. This new format, scheduled for launch in 2026, will set a higher standard, aimed at candidates at DCT3 level or those entering specialty training. Additionally, the MFDS will become a prerequisite for the restructured Dental Specialty Fellowship Examinations. These Fellowship exams are being developed as a unified system delivered jointly by all four sister	

	Colleges, modelled after the surgical examination framework. These exams will serve as an entry pathway to the specialist list and cater to both training and non-training candidates. The project, supported by the TC White Fund, is expected to enhance the accessibility and prestige of specialty examinations. Educational and Development The Faculty announced the development of a podcast series featuring interviews with prominent figures in dentistry. The Dental Trainees Committee also demonstrated continued excellence, managing a successful buddy scheme, launching an undergraduate essay competition focused on equality, and contributing to the Graduate Attributes Week in December. A landmark achievement for the Faculty was the appointment of its first dental Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellow, Katherine Dunn. Social Initiatives The Dean addressed the Faculty's involvement in addressing workplace issues, particularly those highlighted in the <i>Sexual Assault and Surgery</i> report. A 10-point action plan was developed to support affected individuals and provide relevant training. The Dean finished her report by thanking everyone involved in the College and outgoing College President, Mike McKirdy, and welcomed the incoming President, Professor Hany Eteiba.	
5.	Intercollegiate Specialty Examinations - update The Dean gave a brief verbal overview of the Intercollegiate Speciality Examinations. The MFDS and Specialty Fellowship Exams are undergoing significant reforms. The MFDS will incorporate a higher standard focused on non-technical skills, aligning with middle-year training curriculums. The ISFE will transition to a unified Specialty Fellowship Examination. Progress on these projects has been supported by funding from the TC White Fund.	
6.	Faculty Board Reports	
	6.1 Dental Examinations Board (DEB) Nicky Cross, Director of Dental Examinations, presented an update on examination activities. - The MFDS Part 1 has seen steady overseas participation, though new conveners are being sought. - The MFDS Part 2 is transitioning to a Tri Colligate format but faces challenges with low candidate numbers. The aim is to improve this through enhanced appeal and revised requirements. - International exam centres have faced reduced demand, with ongoing participation only in Hong Kong. - The M(Orth) exam returned to in-person delivery, now hosted at a new centre, the Bharath Institute. The relocation has led to a notable increase in candidate numbers.	
	6.2 Dental Examinations' Board (DEB) Dr. Carol Tait provided a written report detailing Dental awards and promotional events. Attendees were encouraged to review the report.	
7.	Faculty Election Results	

	The Dean announced that ONE nomination was received for the post of Dean Elect and confirmed that Vicki Greig is now duly elected as Dean Elect for ONE year, after which she will assume the role of Faculty Dean, and Vice President (Dental) for THREE years. The Dean then announced FOUR nominations were received for the 2 posts of Ordinary Member. An election was held – Jamie Dickie and Ailish Clark are now duly elected to serve for a first term of THREE years.	
8.	Any Other Competent Business	
	Andy Edwards raised questions regarding the Faculty’s international strategy, expressing concerns about reduced activity in Egypt and Hong Kong. The Dean explained the financial and logistical constraints effecting international exam centres but emphasised ongoing efforts to maintain international engagement, including revisiting strategies in December. The Dean also clarified that while the MFDS will be mandatory for Specialty Fellowship Examinations, it is not required for specialty training	
9.	Date of next AGM Meeting	
	The next AGM date will be decided at the upcoming board meeting in December.	