

Flysheet for the Ballot on the Grace of the Regent House of 23 January 2008

The University of Cambridge has been successful as a self-governing community of scholars, and we need to keep it that way. At present we Regents elect a majority of the members of Council from among our own number. However there are regular contested elections only in classes (b) and (c), who make up twelve of the twenty-two members on Council. If we add two external members, we will no longer be the majority.

If Regents accept more external members, then the mechanics of appointing them become important. We believe that the nomination process should not be under the control of the majority on Council. We therefore propose that most of the Nominating Committee be elected by the Regent House. External members should not feel beholden to those members of Council with whom they serve; a small majority on Council should not be able to build a larger one by appointing like-minded externals; and Council membership should not become part of any system of patronage.

We urge you to vote for the Grace.

Please return to the Registry, signed and with your name in BLOCK CAPITALS, either by mail to The Old Schools, Cambridge CB2 1TN, or by fax to 01223 332332.

Deadline: 1pm on Thursday 14 February 2008.

Signature

Name in BLOCK CAPITALS