

## **Summary of the January 2020 Alumni Board meeting**

The Alumni Board convened at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London. The first item for discussion focused on the threshold for receiving Associate status. The Director of Alumni Relations reported that there was an increase from departments to add new programmes to the list of those which qualify for Associate status upon completion. Further review showed that the threshold currently sat at 4 days for certain programmes. The Board agreed that in order to either endorse the current system or make a recommendation for change, further analysis was needed including benchmarking with other similar institutions. The Director of Alumni Relations will undertake this analysis and report back at the May Board meeting. The Board went on to discuss how best to embed the 'personas' defined in 2019 into the University's engagement strategy. They endorsed a proposal to host an anniversary celebration of the PPE degree at the Meeting Minds event in September 2020, and received an update on the email forwarding project that is being reviewed by IT Services. The Board went on to discuss the financial challenges faced by the Alumni Office after a 12.5% budget cut was introduced for the 2020/21 budget. In conclusion, Chairman, Nick Segal announced that he and Deputy Chair, Helen Wright would be retiring from their seats at the end of Trinity Term and invited anyone interested in being considered to contact the Director of Alumni Relations.