

# Name of Policy: Room Booking by Academic and Non-academic Staff

**RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE:** Educational Policy Committee

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Senior Dean

LINKED DOCUMENTS: College: Freedom of Speech Policy; Equality Policy; Room Booking

by Academic and Non-Academic Staff Procedure; Safeguarding Policy.

**LINKED DOCUMENTS: Other:** n/a

**Annual Review date:** First meeting of Hilary Term

## **PURPOSE OF POLICY**

- 1. To advise academic and non-academic staff of the availability of College space and the circumstances in which it may be booked for internal and external meetings.
- 2. This Policy covers all events taking place on college premises; or events held elsewhere which are college funded, affiliated or branded.

#### **POLICY**

- 3. The College will give priority to room bookings in support of the academic purpose of the College.
- 4. This policy relates to the booking and use by academic and non-academic staff of College spaces identified in Annexe A.
- 5. The College reserves the right to approve or reject requests for room bookings.
- 6. All room bookings must adhere to the College's Policy on Freedom of Speech.
- 7. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and related guidance requires the College to strengthen its policies and procedures around the management of events and external speakers.
- 8. In order to manage and mitigate the potential risks and to balance its legal duties in terms of ensuring freedom of speech and academic freedom, and to protect student and staff welfare, the College requires all members of staff to assess the risks associated with events they organize which are not part of the College's normal academic or administrative business and which involve external speakers, as advised by the UK Universities (see

http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/highereducation/Documents/2013/ ExternalSpeakersInHigherEducationInstitutions.pdf) and the Charity Commission (see https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-terrorism and https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/protecting-charities-from-harm-compliance-toolkit#chapter-5)



- 9. If the event organizer has reason to believe that there is a risk that the speaker or event may break the law, breach the College's statutory duties and/or pose a risk to the wellbeing of students, staff and/or visitors, they must discuss the proposed booking with the College's *Prevent* Duty Coordinator before a room booking can be confirmed.
- 10. External speakers are defined as speakers invited to attend an event who are not current members of either the staff or student body of the University of Oxford or its Colleges.
- 11. Encouragement of terrorism and inviting support for a proscribed terrorist organisation are both criminal offences. The College will not provide a platform for these offences to be committed.

## Annexe A

Space	Type of space	Permission required from	Book via
Dolphin Lecture Room	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/Catering Office
New Seminar Room	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/Catering Office
North Lecture Room	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
14 St Giles Seminar Room H	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
15 St Giles Seminar Room C	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
45 St Giles Seminar Room	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
21 St Giles Seminar Room	Teaching Room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
46 St Giles Seminar Room	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
Rural Economy Room 1	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
Rural Economy Room 2	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
G04 Kendrew	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
G05 Kendrew	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge/catering office
103 Kendrew	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge
104 Kendrew	Teaching room	N/A	Lodge
Prestwich Room	Function room	N/A	Lodge/Catering Office
203 Kendrew	Teaching Room	N/A	Lodge
Kendrew Cafe	Function room	N/A	Domestic Office
Room B24 Kendrew	Events room	N/A	Lodge



Larkin Room	Function room	N/A	Catering Office
Graves Room	Function room	N/A	Lodge
JCR (Bar Extension	Student Social	N/A	JCR/MCR
Room)	Room		Presidents
DVD Room	Student Social	N/A	JCR/MCR
	Room		Presidents
Garden Quad	Teaching	N/A	Conference
Auditorium	room/Function		Office
	room		
Garden Quad Reception	Function room	N/A	Conference
Room			Office
Hall	Function room	President	Conference
			Office
Chapel		Chaplain	Chaplain
21St Giles	Film room	Prof N Lubecker	Conference
			Office
St Giles House	Function room	Home Bursar	Conference
			Office
Barn		Keeper of the Pictures	Conference
			Office
Kawaii Music Room	Music practice	Music and Visual Arts	Lodge
	room	officer	
Rural Economy Music	Music practice	Music and Visual Arts	Lodge
Room	room	Officer	_

# **POLICY HISTORY**

Date of GB approval	Brief summary of changes	Confirmation that linked documents have updated if necessary	College policy register updated
June 2016	Generation of Policy	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
March 2017	Policy reviewed by Committee	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
March 2018	Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
Jan 2019	Policy reviewed after changes to room booking permissions and approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
Feb 2020	Web link updated. Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by	Confirmed	Yes (Kate Doornik)
		3	ast revised: Jan 2021



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Jan 2021	Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by GB.	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)