

Information Services Annual Report 2018

Note that this annual report replaces the previous report prepared annually by the College Information Architect. After a review of college structures, that College Office was discontinued, and no annual report relating to information services has been made from 2009 until this year.

Information services committee

In academic year 2017/18, the Information Services Committee consisted of Espen Koht (IT manager), Miltos Allamanis and Advait Sarkar (Microsoft Research Fellows), Andrzej Bugaski (IT assistant), Charlotte Tumescheit (DCSA communications officer), Martin Edwards (Domestic Bursar), and Fellowship representatives KC Sivaramakrishnan and Russell Cowburn. Meetings are also attended by Ronald Haynes, who is our nominated institutional liaison from University Information Services. The committee is chaired by Alan Blackwell, who reports annually to the College Council.

The work of the committee is informed by an IT strategy document, which sets out the priorities, ambitions, and distinctive character of the College's systems and structures.

DCSA requirements

Much student society activity is coordinated via Facebook, rather than using college IT services. This situation is regularly reviewed, and the committee responds flexibly to requests and policy decisions made by DCSA. College facilities are still used for maintenance of the "WhatsUp" mailing list, distribution of the DCSA fresher's guide, and conventional website content as required.

College website

The College website follows standard University practice in using the Drupal content management system, which allows flexible maintenance and update by all departments. It is expected that the appearance and navigation of the website will be continually reviewed, with a professional update "refresh" every five years or so. One of these is being planned at present.

Network deployment

Wireless network deployment has continued throughout the college. Granta backbone fibre connections are effectively managed in close collaboration with UIS.

Alan Blackwell
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