

## **Grace for submission to the Regent House under Special Ordinance A (ii) 5 (moratorium on new funded collaborations with fossil fuel companies)**

25 January 2024

The Council has received the following Grace, which has been initiated under [Special Ordinance A \(ii\) 5](#) by 150 members of the Regent House.

### ***Formal text of the Grace***

That the Council place a temporary moratorium on new funded collaborations with fossil fuel companies (defined as in the [Topping report](#), pp. 34-5), including subsidiaries, to hold until new arrangements are in place.

### ***Background***

On 21 July 2022, a Grace was initiated by 84 members of Regent House, asking the University to cut all ties with fossil fuel companies that are flouting the Paris Agreement by developing new reserves and/or that are lobbying against climate policies that might restrict their activities. In response, the University Council commissioned an independent report from Nigel Topping, the UK's High Level Climate Action Champion at COP26. The report, submitted in July 2023, made a number of recommendations, including:

- (1) that the University should initiate a major fundraising campaign focusing on climate;
- (2) that the University should clarify the procedures of the Committee on Benefactions and External and Legal Affairs (CBELA) and acknowledge that the companies implicated by the Grace are not aligned with the University's climate goals, and should be red-rated for research funding and philanthropic donations;
- (3) that the University should continue to allow non-funded academic collaborations with institutions that have been red-rated by CBELA;
- (4) that the University should increase its engagement with companies in its supply chain and set out a timetable for ensuring that they are aligned with its climate ambitions.

The University is now working through these recommendations ([Reporter, 6722, 2023–24, p. 195](#)), but this process may take some time to complete.

Given the immediacy of the issue, rising levels of concern among staff and students, and the high degree of reputational risk to the University, we propose that the Council place a temporary moratorium on new funded collaborations with fossil fuel companies (defined as in the [Topping report](#), pp. 34-5), including subsidiaries, to hold until new arrangements are in place.

A list of the signatories is set out in Annex A.

The Council will consider the Grace at its meeting on 12 February 2024.

## Annex A

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