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Constitution of the Shadow Faculty of Gastronomic Science

Herein lie the immutable rules of the Shadow Faculty of Gastronomic Science:

Rule One

All members must be fellows of St Jerome's College, Oxford.

Rule Two

All members must ascribe to the gastronomic principles pronounced by Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin¹.

Rule Three

The Faculty must hold a dinner of gastronomic significance in the eighth week of each term.

Rule Four

Each member must invite one guest per dinner and ensure that their guest presents a new dish to the Faculty.

Rule Five

The Faculty must ensure that no dish is served more than once with the exception of a truffled turkey, which is to be served each year at the Michaelmas dinner.

Rule Six

A member of the Faculty is elected for life unless they breach rules one, two or four.

Rule Seven

The Shadow Faculty will remain in existence until the

¹ Author of *La Physiologie du Goût* (The Physiology of Taste), which was first published Christmas 1825 in Paris. This book set out Brillat-Savarin's vision for gastronomy as a true science.

University of Oxford inaugurates an official Faculty of Gastronomic Science.

Membership:

Augustus Bloom	Lecturer in Physiology and Tutor in Medicine
Arthur Plantagenet	Professor of Ancient History
George Le Strang	Professor of Modern History
Hamish McIntyre	Lecturer in Zoology
Charles Pinker College	Chaplain and Lecturer in Divinity
Theodore Flanagan	Tutor and Reader in Criminal Law

Former Members:²

Conrad Petersen	Resigned following a breach of rule four
Gordon Maxwell	Deceased
Stanley Lovell	Deceased

² A brief history of the founding and early years of the Shadow Faculty of Gastronomic Science is provided in the appendix at the back of this volume.