

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday, 7th February 2023 at 4.30pm in the Audit Room

Present:	Provost Professor Griffiths Professor Candea Professor Sharman Professor Dunn Professor Hall Dr Good Dr Dolan Dr Taylor Dr Adhikari *Ms Kadlecova *Mr Erwig	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost Senior Tutor First Bursar Domus Bursar *Ms Olumide-Wahab *Mr Gasienica-Ciulacz *Open business
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Apologies for Absence

Professor Giannitsarou apologised for her absence, and Dr Good joined at 5.03 pm.

OPEN BUSINESS

47. Declarations of Interest

None.

48. Minutes of Open Business 24th Jan 2023

Approved.

49. Matters arising

None.

50. Council Timetable – Open Matters

All in agenda.

51. Council Action List – Open Matters

Six papers due Lent 2023, no outstanding.

52. Oral reports

None.

Principal Items of Business

None.

Other Items for Discussion

53. Privately funded College fees

The First Bursar provided an update on College Fees for privately funded undergraduate students. He covered a number of perspectives, those being

costs of provision, benchmarking and affordability. Hardship was discussed, observing that some 15 students require support of the circa 65 affected. The above considerations suggest that fees should increase by 5%, which was accepted by Council.

Council agreed to set the College's privately funded undergraduate fees for the academic year 2024/25 at £11,888 for students whose course begins in 2024/25. The fee for these students will be the same in subsequent years of the course up to the fourth year. Fees and terms for students admitted in earlier years to remain unchanged.

54. The Turing Lecture

A paper was presented by the Provost on behalf of the Director of Development. Council noted that the Turing Committee have invited Professor Bryon Cook to give the sixth Annual Alan Turing Lecture on Friday 28 April 2023, entitled "The Entscheidungsproblem, revisited", relating to Frank Ramsey's theorem and the development of a concept Turing machine. In addition to what are becoming widely attended lectures there will be an exhibition of Turing archival materials in the Wine Room.

Council agreed to up to twelve NRMs to dine at High Table that evening, should they request it, with the Vice Provost inviting those Fellows attending the various events on the day to host the NRMs at High Table.

55. Motor bike event – 16-17 June 2023

The Senior Tutor commented that considerable planning had gone into this proposal which had the support of her and the First Bursar. It encompasses an event on engineering & entrepreneurship by way of linking Philip Vincent (KC1926 and founder of the Vincent Motorbike Company) to engineering and entrepreneurship, delivered through a series of talks, an exhibition and the presence of classic Vincent motorbikes. The event connects King's alumni with engineering breakthroughs, and coming towards the end of the academic year presents an opportunity for celebration. Council observed the speakers did not currently reflect a spread of gender, and that the event should look forward as well as into the past. It was important to ensure the event was not viewed as a parade of wealth, and that it should connect with sustainability and include a wide range of participants, and in particular female engineers.

Council agreed:

- a) to approve the event, ensuring wide participation, and
- b) to continue with detailed planning for this event, route approval, health and safety sign off, and wide student participation including consideration of gender and subject diversity, subject to appropriate permissions and conditions and sign off by the Domus Bursar.

56. Open Iftar in Ramadan – 12 April 2023

The Vice Provost informed Council that the College has been approached by a group (Ramadan Tent Project, RTP) that have proposed to hold an Open Iftar at King's during Ramadan, on 12 April 2023. While an Open Iftar should be held in the open (as would the event in 2020, approved to be held in the Fellows

Garden in May, but cancelled due to the pandemic), this proposal is to hold the event in Hall, from circa 19.00 to 22.00. The number of attendees will be limited to 300, with up to 100 tickets being made available to the College community. The proposal (from Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan and supported by the Dean and Vice Provost) has been discussed and agreed with the Head of Catering (no costs will fall on College) and will be subject to further detailed planning and final approval by the Domus Bursar.

Council agreed:

- a) that an Open Iftar should be held on 12 April during Ramadan 2023 and that the Dean and Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan should act as the hosts of the event on behalf of College and also liaise with RTP to develop the proposal,
- b) that the Head of Catering and the Head Porter should ensure suitable arrangements are in place for use of site and security plans for the day, and final approval by Domus Bursar, and
- c) that a report should come to Council about the event before the end of Easter term 2023.

57. Supernumerary Scholarships

The Senior Tutor presented a paper that stretched back to initial consideration by the Education Committee in March 2022, where it was felt that, in the context of recognising contextual merit, rather than just absolute achievement, a further category of undergraduate scholar may be beneficial. Various processes could be developed to identify those deserving of such recognition.

Council expressed concern this might add to the DoS workload although acknowledged that Tutorial staff would have a good insight of deserving students. Some felt that this might come across as a fudge and that it should be reserved for the really deserving student who did not achieve a first. It was important to not proliferate the number of criteria while ensuring those deserving were made to feel valued. It was agreed to trial for one year and report back to Council.

Council agreed that this should only apply to those continuing on courses in the following year:

- a) Overall 2.i with at least two papers over 70 (or first class equivalent), and no paper below 60 (or equivalent mark for the 2.i lower boundary) AND the DoS feels their work ethic merits a supernumerary scholarship,
- b) having moved up by two class marks in the course of 12 months AND the DoS feels their work ethic merits a supernumerary scholarship,
- c) having received an exceptional mark on one paper (>80 or high First equivalent), regardless of final overall class mark AND the DoS feels their work ethic merits a supernumerary scholarship,
- d) where a candidate would have otherwise received a First if a single paper were to be disregarded, where that paper is felt not to reflect the actual ability of the student, and the college would be willing to support an

Application to the EAMC to disregard the paper on that basis. AND the DoS feels their work ethic merits a supernumerary scholarship.

It was further agreed that this should be regarded as a trial, with a report being brought to Council in Lent 2024.

Business for Report

58. Loan of painting to Charleston House

Council approved a proposal from the Keeper of the College Collection requesting a loan of Duncan Grant's *Maynard Keynes* (1908), 451 (P109) to Charleston House for the duration of the exhibition 'Bring no Clothes'.

59. Welfare Day – Lent 2023

Council approved a Welfare Day on 25 February 2023 to proceed as planned and outlined by Junior Members, subject to final detailed planning and agreement with relevant HODs and Domus Bursar.

60. Any Other Business

None. Professor Candea departed Council.