

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Thursday, 23rd March 2023 at 1.00pm via Zoom

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

Apologies for Absence

Professor Giannitsarou, Professor Sharman, Drs Taylor and Dolan, and the Domus Bursar apologised for their absence.

OPEN BUSINESS

144. Declarations of Interest

None.

Principal Items of Business

None.

Other Items for Discussion

145. Use of Hall during term – 7 November 2023

The First Bursar asked that Council again consider a request from Nokia to hold a dinner in hall on 7th November 2023, during term time. The request had been rejected by Council on 7th March 2023. It was noted that the request comes from a major donor to the University and is linked to several research programmes with the University. The dinner marks the key point in a conference being held in Cambridge between 6 – 9 November and so changing the date is not possible.

Council welcomed the notion that corporations and other institutions might engage more actively in supporting the educational and research activities of the College. However, in this instance, it was noted that the benefits to students did not match the inconvenience caused by holding such an event during term, and on a weekday. Council therefore asked the First Bursar to go back to Nokia to try to negotiate a better offer that will be of a greater benefit to students. One suggestion made was to fund or subsidise a Formal Hall for students.

Council agreed that it was necessary to have a policy for the use of the Hall for events in termtime. The First Bursar agreed to bring a draft of such a policy to the first meeting of next term.

Business for Report

146. Financial report on recordings

Noted.

147. The Leys School – Sesquicentenary Service

The Dean presented a paper seeking approval for The Leys School to celebrate their 150th anniversary since foundation in the Chapel, in February 2025, having previously celebrated its centenary in 1975 in similar circumstances. While the Dean has declined similar requests from other schools, The Leys School is local and there are some links between the two institutions (including the sharing of the Combined Colleges Boathouse).

The Dean intends to stipulate a number of conditions (College attendance, agreements of music with the Director of Music, no recordings with photography in line with college policies, the Chapel Manager being on site and any visitor lost income be recovered through The Leys School).

Council notes that a service for The Leys School, Cambridge will be hosted in Chapel at 2.30pm on Friday 14th February 2025 as part of the sesquicentenary celebrations, subject to the stipulations identified in the paper.

148. Quiet Period Easter 2023 – Room Booking Policy Review

Council agreed a Room Booking Policy for the Quiet Period, proposed by the Lay Dean, for 2023, and to review on an annual basis.

149. Any Other Business

Professor Candea reported that having a Parking Working Group was no longer necessary, following an expansion of car parking spaces in the Garden Hostel area. Council therefore agreed that the group would be retired. Council thanked Professor Candea for his contribution to this working group.

The Provost reported to Council that he had been contacted by Stuart Lyons regarding the Xu Zhimo concert to be held on 24 September 2023. Unfortunately, due to the organisers being behind schedule in their preparations, the project is now not tenable and so the concert will sadly have to be cancelled.