

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 26 May 2026 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and Teams

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Pro-Provost
	Professor Bullock		Vice-Provost
	Professor Foley		First Bursar
	Professor Giannitsarou		Senior Tutor
	Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan		Domus Bursar
	Ms Headen		
	Dr Knox (online)		Mr Teare* (KCSU President)
	Dr Russell		
	Dr Sarkovic		
	Professor Sharman		
	Dr Weil		Registrar
	Ms O'Callaghan* (KCSU Vice-President)		
	Ms Sally* (KCGU President)		

*Open Business

269. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received. Mr Ahmad (KCGU Treasurer) was absent.

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270. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

271. **Minutes of Open Business 12 May 2026**

Approved with two corrections.

272. **Matters arising**

None.

273. **Oral reports**

King's Affair Update

The Domus Bursar reported that King's Affair ticket sales have performed well. As a result, the event will proceed under "Plan A" as originally proposed. This will include the full entertainment and hospitality offering, including external food and drink vendors, the main KA bar, fairground attractions, silent disco, wellbeing and sensory spaces, film screenings in Keynes Lecture Theatre, and additional interactive

entertainment across site. The organising committee has retained their strong emphasis on ethical, moral and sustainable operating principles outlined in their original proposal, and the planning continues in collaboration with the Senior Tutor, Lay Dean, Domus Bursar and Deputy Domus Bursar and wider Head of Department Team.

274. Council Timetable – Open Matters

Strategy Discussion, Incident Management Plan and CCTV Policy were deferred to later meetings.

275. Council Action List – Open Matters

Nothing on agenda.

276. Council Project List

Nothing on agenda.

Strategic

None.

Routine

277. Student Fellow Working Group on College Culture

The KCSU President presented a proposal from the student union to convene a working group of students and Fellows on transparency and action on College culture. Council commended their proposal but felt that the proposed group was too large and that staff should also be represented.

Council asked that KCSU bring a revised proposal for a working group of no more than ten people including at least two representatives each from among students, Fellows and staff.

278. Grad Bar Report

Council received the report and queried the cheque that was proposed to be written off. Council was unsure about the constitution of the Grad Bar and how it interacted with KCGU. Council therefore asked that someone from the King's Grad Bar attend the next meeting to present their constitution as a registered student society.

Compliance

279. OIA Annual Return

Council noted the College's 2025 return from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA).

280. Health & Safety Policy

Council agreed to approve that no changes are made to the Health and Safety Policy.

281. Campaigns & Political Activity Policy

The Registrar introduced the revised Campaigns and Political Activity Policy, which had been reduced significantly from the version discussed previously.

Council agreed to approve the revised Campaigns and Political Activity Policy.

Minutes

282. **Minutes of the Communications Committee meeting on 22 April 2026**

Noted.

283. **Minutes of the Library Committee meeting on 28 April 2026**

Noted.

284. **Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 1 May 2026**

Noted, especially that the First Bursar, Assistant Bursar and Domus Bursar were to approve the implementation of the new finance system, subject to further work on a revised chart of accounts. The Assistant Bursar will contact alternative valuers of the College estate and update in Michaelmas term. The Finance Committee recommended to Council continued alignment with the Real Living Wage.

285. **Minutes of the Gardens Committee meeting on 6 May 2026**

Noted.

286. **Minutes of the E-Lab Committee meeting on 8 May 2026**

Noted.

287. **Minutes of the Chapel Committee meeting on 13 May 2026**

Noted, especially that the Committee discussed the recent meeting of the working group on weddings in the College Chapel, and noted progress on measurement of spatial shift in the vault.

288. **Any Other Business**

None.