

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation held on Thursday 19th March
at 2:00pm in the SCR and via Zoom

Present (starred names attended on Zoom)

Dr Zoe Adams	Professor Chez Hall	Professor Geoff Moggridge
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr Sophie Harbour*	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes*
Professor Gareth Austin*	Dr Iris Hardege*	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Umang Bhatt*	Professor Ross Harrison	Professor Rory O'Bryen
Dr Marcus Böick	Mrs Lorraine Headen*	Dr Rebecca Orr
Dr Giulia Boitani	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Professor Robin Osborne
Dr Katie Campbell	Dr Christoph Hess	Professor Tina Phillips
Dr Keith Carne	Dr Ryan Heuser*	Dr Sophie Pickford
Dr Ivan Collister	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Professor Mike Proctor
Professor Francesco Colucci*	Professor Dame Carrie Humphrey DBE*	Dr Angus Russell
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Alice Hutchings	Professor Hamid Sabourian*
Professor Janet Davis	Professor Martin Hyland	Dr Andjela Sarkovic
Professor Pete de Bolla	Ms Polly Ingham	Dr Georgia Seabra Nasseh
Dr James Dolan	Professor Ian James	Dr Gillian Tett
Professor John Dunn	Mr Peter Jones	Dr Marco Tripodi
Professor George Efstathiou	Dr Dale Kedwards	Professor Bert Vaux*
Revd Canon Dr Hueston Finlay	Professor Barry Keverne	Dr Rob Wallach
Professor Rob Foley	Professor Charlie Loke*	Dr Dror Weil
Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Professor Darin Weinberg*
Professor Simon Goldhill	Professor Jean Michel Massing*	Dr Tom White*
Dr David Good	Dr Perveez Mody	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan		

23. **Apologies**

Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Caroline Goodson	Professor John Perry
Dr Tess Adkins	Professor Mark Gross	Professor Chris Prendergast
Dr Anna Allen	Dr Tiffany Harte	Professor Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Nick Atkins	Professor John Henderson	Dr Ben Ravenhill
Dr Seda Basihos	Dr David Hillman	Professor Thomas Roulet

Professor Mike Bate	Dr Stephen Hugh-Jones	Professor Robert Rowthorn
Dr Shannon Bonke	Mr Daniel Hyde	Professor Paul Ryan
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Professor Mark Johnson	Professor Jason Sharman
Professor Angela Breitenbach	Dr Phil Knox	Dr Mike Sonenscher
Professor Jude Browne	Professor James Laidlaw	Professor Gareth Stedman Jones
Professor Nick Bullock	Dr Harin Lee	Dr Nile Stephenson
Professor Matei Candea	Dr Zhuangnan Li	Dr James Taylor
Professor Richard Causton	Professor Sarah Lummis	Professor Nick Tosca
Professor Aytek Erdil	Professor Nick Marston	Dr Sophie Turenne
Professor Sebastian Eves-Van den Akker	Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas	Professor Jamie Vicary
Professor James Fawcett	Professor Dan McKenzie	Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex
Professor Iain Fenlon	Professor Cam Middleton	Professor John Young
Dr Tim Flack	Dr Fraz Mir	Dr Ruiyi Zhu
Professor Lord Tony Giddens	Dr Minjung Park	Mr Sabeeh Ahmad
Professor Chris Gilligan CBE		

On Leave

Professor Anna Alexandrova	Dr Mark Dyble	Professor Gillian Griffiths
Professor John Arnold	Professor Elisa Faraglia	Professor Rosanna Omitowaju
Professor Richard Bourke	Professor Matthew Gandy	Professor Sharath Srinivasan
Dr Laura Davies	Professor Ingo Gildenhard	

Open Business Only

Ms Sophia O'Callaghan	Ms Olivia Sally	Mr John Teare
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OPEN BUSINESS

24. Declarations of Interest

All subject Fellows in item 30.

25. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation on 2 February 2026

Approved.

26. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

Oral Reports

None.

Principal Business

27. Audit Committee Terms of Reference

The Provost introduced this proposal for the creation of an Audit Committee as a sub-committee of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee, which would also provide reporting to Council as the trustee body. This configuration would retain the Audit & Scrutiny Committee in its current form as a statutory committee of the Governing Body. Both the Provost and Council felt strongly that increased attention to the College's finances was necessary in the changing regulatory landscape and given the College's plans and ambitions.

Questions were raised about the interaction between this new Committee and the existing Audit & Scrutiny Committee, the Committee's relationship to Council, whether there should be overlaps in membership and the appropriate mechanisms for appointment of external members. The First Bursar's and Assistant Bursar's attendance at the proposed Committee were discussed, and it was stressed that this would be as needed and on invitation from the Committee only. It was noted that the delay in this proposal had caused significant difficulties for the Audit & Scrutiny Committee in the conduct of its work this year.

Governing Body agreed to approve the creation of an Audit Committee as a sub-committee of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee with the Terms of Reference appended to the paper.

28. Amendments to Ordinances (Second Reading)

Governing Body discussed the proposed amendments to Ordinances. Concerns were raised that the suggested requirement to be visible when joining meetings remotely would exclude some members from attending, though it was noted that confidentiality needed to be protected by those attending remotely as well.

Governing Body agreed to approve, for the second time, amendments to Ordinances (as set out in the annex), to add the possibility of hybrid meetings for Governing Body, Council and their Committees, as well as anonymous voting at Governing Body, and to codify the ineligibility of Fellows on leave for more than one term to stand for Committee elections.

29. English language requirements at point of application

The Undergraduate Admissions Tutor explained that this was a common action proposal which had the support of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee. There was no change to the English language requirements at the point of matriculation, and the intention was to ensure that applicants had sufficient English language abilities at the point of interview and would be well placed to improve up to the matriculation standard if needed.

Governing Body discussed whether these language requirements were unnecessarily demanding in the case of disciplines that required primarily numerical skills and the cost for applicants of having to take another English test. The importance of having a full command of English in order to participate effectively in Cambridge undergraduate life was stressed.

Governing Body agreed to approve the recommendation to introduce a new English Language requirement of IELTS 6.5 overall and 6.0 in each element or equivalent on application for international students.

30. New MML and Linguistics Tripos

The University has created a new Tripos in Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics and Governing Body discussed whether the College should admit students to this Tripos. Application numbers for MML were declining significantly, while combined degrees were gaining in popularity. Governing Body felt strongly that the College should offer this new Tripos.

Governing Body agreed to approve the proposal for the College to admit two students per year to the new MML and Linguistics Tripos (LML) and that the two places should not be additional to the existing target intake.

Governing Body asked the Undergraduate Admissions Tutor to consider how to accommodate the two places within the current headcount and bring a further proposal back to GB to that effect if needed.

31. Changes to University Statutes

Governing Body agreed to consent to proposed changes to University Statutes concerning College contributions.

Papers for report only

None.

32. Any Other Business

None.