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KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 27 May 2025 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and via Teams

Present:	Provost (<i>online</i>)	In Attendance:	Vice Provost
	Dr Good		Senior Tutor
	Ms Headen		First Bursar
	Dr Knox		Domus Bursar
	Professor Gross Ruse-Khan		
	Dr Russell		Mr Warner (KCSU President)*
	Professor Hall		Miss Kelly (KCGU Treasurer)*
	Professor Giannitsarou (<i>online</i>)		
	Dr Sarkovic		
	Ms Robinson (KCGU President)*		Registrar
	Mr Teare (KCSU Vice President)*		

*Open Business

273. Apologies for Absence

Professors Bullock and Foley apologised for their absence.

The Vice Provost chaired the meeting as the Provost was attending online.

Mr Teare, newly elected KCSU Vice President, swore the oath for Junior Members of Council and Governing Body.

OPEN BUSINESS

274. Declarations of Interest

None.

275. Minutes of Open Business 13 May 2025

Approved, with amendments to version one draft shown in track in Council's papers and correction to role title raised by KCSU President.

276. Matters arising

None.

277. Oral reports

Council Teams Trial

The Registrar asked Council for feedback on the trial of managing Council business on Teams (launched in January 2025). Feedback was positive, particularly in relation to how it supports effective handovers by Junior Members of Council. The Registrar drew Council's attention to additional tools and resources on the Teams site (such as shared copies of draft minutes for members of Council to review and suggest amendments on) and encouraged Council to make use of them.

Cézanne Loan

The First Bursar asked Council's view on arrangements for an international loan of some of the College's artworks (organised by the Keeper of the College Collections in partnership with the Fitzwilliam Museum). The Museum, to whom the paintings are on loan, had proposed that they would act as exporter under their existing export licence. Further detail of proposed written agreements to facilitate this were awaited from the Museum. The First Bursar asked Council to delegate authority to him and the Keeper of the College Collections to review and agree the documentation.

Council agreed to approve the proposed arrangements in principle, and delegated authority to the Keeper of the College Collections and First Bursar to agree the relevant documentation with the Fitzwilliam Museum.

278. Council Timetable – Open Matters

In agenda:

- Termly Development Report.

279. Council Action List – Open Matters

Review of Council Teams trail received as an oral item.

The Domus Bursar informed Council that reports on the events and room bookings working groups process, and the working group on accommodation management, would need to be delayed to Michaelmas term to enable full consultation with the Fellowship. Council's action list will be updated accordingly.

Remaining actions due to be completed in Easter Term:

- Propose external member of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee to Council (College Officers)
- Return to Council with a proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/ECHR guidance, and detail of any practical steps required (College Officers)
- Report options to Council following tender for external review of College financial systems (First Bursar)
- Provide review of Henry Louis Gates Fellowship Scheme (with proposal to amend College processes accordingly if required) (Vice Provost)
- Provide report on effectiveness of EDI Committee (Chair of EDI Committee – Vice Provost)
- Report on progress of plans to install memorial tablet in Chapel for Sir Stephen Cleobury (Dean of Chapel, Memorial Consideration Group)
- Provide proposal for revised terms of reference for the Audit & Scrutiny Committee (Working Group led by Dr Good)

Note of reflections and recommendations on future models for King's Affair expected from King's Affair Committee during the Vacation meetings.

Strategic

280. Scholar's Piece

Council received a paper from the Chair of the Gardens Committee, on behalf of the Committee, proposing the College trial allowing recreational use of Scholars' Piece. The Domus Bursar spoke to the paper. She explained that the Committee had developed the proposal with a view to it informing plans for the College's green spaces that will be included in the developing College-wide masterplan.

Council expressed support for exploring recreational use of the space but considered several concerns. In response, the Domus Bursar clarified that the space that would be made available would be a reasonably small strip, and that the fence would not move during the trial. Negative impact on security or wildlife was therefore unlikely and could be monitored. To mitigate potential risks to river users some restrictions on ball games will be imposed.

Council agreed:

- a) Not to graze Scholars' Piece for the 2025 grazing season.
- b) To allow access until 1 Oct 2025, via the existing gate to the west of the bridge, for recreational purposes, to College members to a 20 m strip of mown grass to the west of the fence along the river in Scholars' Piece, plus a circular walk along a mown path.
- c) To manage the remainder of Scholars' Piece as a hay meadow for the growing season 2025.

Routine

281. Development Termly Report

The Head of Development provided her termly report on Development Office fundraising, events, and activities since her last report (during Lent 2025).

Council thanked the Head of Development and accepted the report.

282. Architecture Event in Chapel

Council received a proposal from the Dean of Chapel and Dr Hernandez to host an exhibition titled 'Extreme Architecture', which will feature the work of one of the leading figures in contemporary Latin American architecture (Chilean architect José Cruz Ovalle), in Chapel in September 2025.

Council agreed that the proposed exhibition of the work of Chilean architect José Cruz Ovalle may be hosted in the Ante-chapel from Monday 1 to Wednesday 24 September 2025, subject to a satisfactory risk assessment being completed.

Compliance

283. First Aid Policy

The Domus Bursar presented a proposed First Aid Policy for the College to Council. She explained that the intention of the proposed policy (which will apply to all premises owned by King's) was to clarify and improve College first-aid provision. The Domus Bursar also drew Council's attention to the policy's impact on the College's annual first-aid training spend (which will increase).

Council supported the proposal that the responsibility for reviewing the policy (reviews will, initially, be annual) should sit with the Buildings & Safety Committee rather than Council.

Council agreed adopt the new First Aid Policy and associated Needs Assessment Form.

Minutes

284. Minutes of the Development Committee meeting on 27 February 2025

Noted.

285. **Minutes of the Gibbs Refurbishment Working Group meeting on 30 April 2025**

Noted.

286. **Minutes of the Library Committee meeting on 2 May 2025**

Noted.

287. **Minutes of the Gardens Committee meeting on 7 May 2025**

Noted.

288. **Minutes of the E-Lab Committee meeting on 9 May 2025**

Noted.

289. **Minutes of the Buildings & Safety Committee meeting on 12 May 2025**

Noted.

290. **Minutes of the Chapel Committee meeting on 14 May 2025**

Noted.

291. **Any Other Business**

None.