

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and on Teams

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost
	Professor Bullock		First Bursar
	Professor Foley		Senior Tutor
	Professor Giannitsarou		Domus Bursar
	Dr Good		
	Professor Hall		Mr Warner* (KCSU
	Ms Headen		President)
	Dr Knox		
	Dr Russell		Registrar
	Dr Sarkovic		
	Mr Teare* (KCSU Vice-		
	President)		

*Open Business

480. **Apologies for Absence**

Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan apologised for his absence. The offices of KCGU President and Treasurer are vacant following the graduation of the office holders.

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481. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

482. **Minutes of Open Business 7 October 2025**

Approved with clarification to item 446 that the Conference on The Next Turing Tests was organised by the E-Lab, not with the support of it.

483. **Matters arising**

None.

484. **Oral reports**

None.

485. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

In agenda, Governing Body Policies, Controls Policies.

486. **Council Action List – Open Matters**

Overdue, proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/ECHR guidance, and detail of any practical steps required. In agenda, proposals regarding the appointment of alternative external auditors.

Remaining actions due to be completed in Michaelmas Term:

- Propose terms of reference and membership for separate audit and scrutiny committees
- Report on outcomes of working group on accommodation management
- Report on outcomes of events and room bookings working groups process
- Provide report evaluating results of summer school incubator pilot ‘Spark’
- Bring College’s relationship with Cambridge Shakespeare Festival to Council for formal review
- Bring proposal to Council for how the College might engage with existing programmes designed to give opportunities for those at school to develop choral skills
- Bring proposal to Council on the feasibility of an organ competition or other ways of identifying and supporting young organists
- Consider whether the risk register should specifically address risks arising from pressures on the higher education sector at large
- Bring proposals to Council for King’s Affair 2026

487. **Council Project List**

Noted.

Strategic

None.

Routine

488. **Appointment of Auditors**

The First Bursar introduced the recommendation of the Finance Committee to re-appoint Peters, Elsworthy and Moore (PEM) as the College’s auditors following a tender process. Detailed proposals from three firms had been scrutinised by the Finance Committee, which subsequently interviewed representatives from each firm.

Council agreed to recommend to the Governing Body the appointment of Peters, Elsworthy and Moore (PEM) as the College’s auditors for 2025/26.

489. **Art Room**

This item was deferred to the following meeting.

490. **Student Formal Halls**

Council noted the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between KCSU and KCGU, and the Senior Tutor and Head of Catering, on the running of student organised formal dining.

491. **Charities Cultural Fashion Show**

Council discussed the proposal from the KCSU Charities Officers for a cultural fashion show in support of charities to be held in the Hall. It was noted that it may be preferable to refer to a multicultural fashion show.

Council agreed to approve a charity fashion show event in the Hall, subject to the event’s compliance with existing policies, including the College’s preferred protocol for protest designed to uphold freedom of speech

492. **Boat Club Dinners**

Council agreed that the Boat Club be permitted to hold Dinners in Hall on March 20th and June 20th 2026, subject to detailed arrangements agreed with Catering.

493. **Use of Hall for a Concert**

Council agreed to permit KCMS to use Hall for a concert at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday November 16th, all detailed arrangement to be agreed with Catering.

494. **Chapel Podcast Series**

The Dean attended for this item.

The Dean introduced the revised proposals for a Chapel podcast series. This would be a pilot of six episodes, to be produced and released this term, at a lower cost of £1,000 per episode as the production and editing would be carried out by the College. The series would focus on interesting and thought-provoking discussions of different aspects of the Chapel, including architectural and musical, and would aim to be released in parallel to the College's new Research podcast.

Council agreed to approve the Chapel podcast series to be funded by the Grieve legacy.

Compliance

495. **Staff and Students Relationships Policy**

The Senior Tutor introduced this policy, which the College is required to have in place under the OfS registration condition E6. The policy has been extensively reviewed and is supported by both the HR and the Fellowship Committee.

Council agreed to approve the Staff and Students Relationships Policy and Supplementary Guidance.

496. **Financial Regulations**

Council agreed to approve the College's Financial Regulations for 2025/26.

497. **Conflicts of Interest Policy**

Council agreed to approve a revised policy on Conflicts of Interest in accordance with Ordinance B.3.5.

498. **Qualification as a Charity Trustee**

Council agreed to approve the continued use of the College's Trustee Eligibility Declaration.

Minutes

499. **Minutes of the Development Committee meeting on 19 May**

Noted.

500. **Minutes of the Church Patronage Committee meeting on 30 June**

Noted.

501. **Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 10 October**

Noted.

502. **Any Other Business**

As the Provost would be unable to attend the next meeting, the Vice-Provost would chair.