

## KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held  
on Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and Teams

Present:	Provost (online) Professor Bullock Professor Foley Professor Giannitsarou Dr Good (online) Professor Grosse Ruse- Khan Professor Hall Dr Knox Dr Russell  Ms Sally* (KCGU President) Mr Teare* (KCSU Vice- President)	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost First Bursar Senior Tutor Domus Bursar  Mr Ahmad* (KCGU Treasurer) Mr Warner* (KCSU President)  Registrar
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\*Open Business

### 518. **Apologies for Absence**

Ms Headen and Dr Sarkovic apologised for their absence. The Vice-Provost chaired the meeting as the Provost was attending remotely. Ms Sally, newly elected KCGU President and Junior Member of Council, recited the oath for Junior Members.

### **OPEN BUSINESS**

### 519. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

### 520. **Minutes of Open Business 21 October 2025**

Approved.

### 521. **Matters arising**

None.

### 522. **Oral reports**

None.

### 523. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

Nil papers required.

### 524. **Council Action List – Open Matters**

Council noted that the proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/ECHR guidance, and detail of any practical steps required was overdue. As

regulatory guidance was not yet available, the due date was delayed to Lent Term 2026.

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

**525. Council Project List**

Nil papers required.

**Strategic**

None.

**Routine**

**526. Art Room Coordinator**

Council noted that Nigel Meager has continued to act as the Art Room Co-Ordinator following his resignation, and expressed its gratitude to him for his dedication. It had now been possible to appoint a new Art Room Co-Ordinator and

Council agreed, on the recommendation of the Senior Tutor, to appoint Dr Alex Massouras as the Art Room Co-Ordinator.

**527. Cambridge Arts Theatre Roof**

Council noted that the Arts Theatre had received planning permission for plant installation on the roof of the theatre. There was now a new proposal to visually improve the installation, which Council was asked to note ahead of the Theatre seeking a license to alter.

Council noted favourably the proposed redesign (subject to planning) of the Arts Theatre roof.

**528. Scholars’ Piece Access Trial Extension**

Council discussed whether the trial of community access to part of Scholars’ Piece adjacent to the river should be continued, noting that the original trial had commenced very late in the last academic year and had not yielded sufficient data to decide on future use. There was also a strong desire for this to tie in with the gardens masterplan currently being commissioned. It was clarified that the trial would not preclude a

return of cattle grazing Scholars' Piece, if this was felt to be the preferred use of the land for the College community, and as recommended in the masterplan.

Council agreed

1. To continue the trial uses of Scholars' Piece for the academic year 2025/6.
2. Not to graze Scholars' Piece for the 2026 grazing season.
3. To allow access until 1 Oct 2026, 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.
4. To manage the remainder of Scholars' Piece as a hay meadow for the growing season 2026.

529. **KCGU Elections**

Council noted the results of the October elections to KCGU.

530. **Loan of Library Manuscript to Fitzwilliam Museum**

Council agreed to loan Pote Manuscript 159, *Divan of Hafiz with bag* (Dhar, Malwa, 1701), from the College Library collection for an exhibition to be held in 2026/27 at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

**Compliance**

None.

**Minutes**

531. **Minutes of the Library Committee meeting on 7 October 2025**

Noted.

532. **Minutes of the E-Lab Committee meeting on 17 October 2025**

Council noted the need for consistent communication about future development and use of the undercroft in Chetwynd Court, detailing that it would be available to the entire College community, including the E-lab, and the need to inform the College community more widely about the work proposed there.

533. **Minutes of the Buildings & Safety Committee meeting on 20 October 2025**

Noted.

534. **Minutes of the Chapel Committee meeting on 22 October 2025**

Noted.

535. **Any Other Business**

None.