

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday, 19th July 2022 at 2.00pm in the Keynes Seminar Room and via
Zoom

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice Provost
	Professor Efstathiou		First Bursar
	Professor Griffin		Senior Tutor
	Professor Dunn		Domus Bursar
	Professor Candea		
	Dr Srinivasan		
	Dr Dolan		
	Dr Clarà Saracho		
	Dr Adams		

Apologies for Absence

Professor Griffiths, Professor Perry, Mr Pugh, Mr Russo, Ms Kelly, and Ms Kadlecova apologised for their absence.

OPEN BUSINESS

335. Declarations of Interest

None.

336. Minutes of Open Business of 12th July 2022

Professor Candea referred to paper 311 (Closure of Servery) and asked that, as he recalled, Council sought greater involvement in decisions being made on servery closure and other related areas. Council agreed to an additional vote, with votes to read

- a) Council approval should be sought where it is envisaged that there will be reductions or withdrawal of catering services, accepting that non avoidable short notice changes will sometimes be necessary,
- b) the Servery should remain closed on Sundays from 10th July to 18th September 2022, with a limited food service being offered from the Coffee Shop from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m, and
- c) b) that in the light of reduced demand and the crisis of staffing, the Head of Catering should be empowered to discontinue evening meal service from the servery as necessary.

337. Matters arising

Paper 308 (EDI Committee - TORs) – Dr Dolan presented a revised draft TORs that was agreed by Council, with Council further agreeing to receiving the final TORs prior to the first meeting of the EDI Committee.

338. Council Timetable – Open Matters

In date.

339. Council Action List – Open Matters

The Senior Tutor provided an oral update on graduate numbers against current policy, with Council agreeing to again review in Michaelmas 2024. A paper on Chapel alienated wood is likely to be forthcoming during the Michaelmas Term 2022.

340. Oral reports

None.

Principal Item of Business

None.

Other Items for Discussion

341. Examination Results

The Senior Tutor presented a paper on examination results, remarking that the results characterised a reversion towards something approaching normality following the extreme pressures of the pandemic mitigations. However, it was observed and recognised that the pandemic had nonetheless impacted on the performance of several students. It was rewarding to again acknowledge good progress amongst the third-year students (finalists), although the number of intermissions and failures was greater than pre pandemic years. He further commented that in a few cases, poor performance was generally linked to students not engaging with their tutors.

The Senior Tutor gave his thanks to many across college, and in turn Council expressed their gratitude to him for the support he has given to the students while in post as Senior Tutor.

342. Scholarships and prizes

Council noted those being recognised for prizes and scholarships through gaining First Class Honours passes (or equivalent). The list paper also included those receiving University prizes.

343. Domestic animals in College – Proposed Policy

The Assistant Tutor informed Council that this proposed policy on domestic animals in college had received wide consultation, with guidelines supporting the policy. Council agreed that the policy provided clarity on the matter, with requests being considered on their individual merit.

Council agreed:

To adopt the proposed policy on Domestic Animals in College, for it to be reviewed every five years (next review July 2027) and for the responsibility for reviewing it to be with the Assistant Tutor.

344. Licence Agreements

The Assistant Tutor presented the current Licence Agreement and proposed several amendments to provide greater clarity in certain sections (room cleanliness, overstays, cyber-attack, guests in rooms, content checking, flags, storage of possessions, damage in rooms, behaviour).

Council agreed to the proposed changes and associated formatting changes.

345. Grantchester – Update

The First Bursar provided an update on the College's interests in Grantchester, with specific commentary on Grantchester Meadows. He reflected on the issues arising in 2021, and the advice from Savills (commercial agents) on the options open to College (maintain the current management regime, lease to a charity/community organisation or sale on the open market). Comment from Council was varied, including seeking an intermediate solution, lease, sale or retaining the Meadows and with greater management control. It was observed that the Investment Committee had recommended that the Meadows should not be sold. Some questioned what restrictions/covenants were in place and to what extent did the charitable status of the College have over its ability to make certain decisions; the First Bursar undertook to provide further clarity on this point to the forthcoming meeting of the Governing Body.

Council noted that this issue was due to be discussed at the 22nd July 2022 Governing Body and so agreed to adjourn any vote until after the GB discussion.

Business for Report

346. Report and Budget for Concerts

Noted. The First Bursar informed Council that a budget for this financial year had not been forthcoming (the budget has been based on the FY 2019/20) and the Chair agreed to write to the Director of Music asking that future budgets are produce at the appropriate time.

347. Minutes of Finance Committee 27 May 2022

Noted.

348. Minutes of Gardens Committee 23 May 2022

Noted.

349. Minutes of Investment Committee 20 May 2022

Noted.

350. Minutes of IT Committee 16 May 2022

Noted.

351. Minutes of Gardens Committee 11 July 2022

Noted.

352. Provision of menstrual products in College

Council noted a paper from the Senior Tutor and Senior Tutor Elect outlining a new policy on funding and provision of free menstrual products to students in public bathrooms around college, and to agree to support this initiative.

353. Art Exhibition in Chapel – Summer 2022

Council approved an exhibition of reproduced Chinese Buddhist artefacts in the Chapel from 5th to 10th September 2022, subject to detailed planning with the Dean.

354. Parking Working Group – update

Council agreed to re-establish a working group on parking, mandated to convene over the forthcoming Michaelmas Term to consult fellows and staff and make recommendations on college's parking provision going forward. The working group shall be chaired by Professor Matei Candea and comprised of the Domus Bursar, Vice Provost, Head Porter, a representative of the Staff Consulting Group and one resident fellow to be co-opted by the group.

Any Other Business.

355. Two papers were presented for discussion and consideration.

355a. Renewal of Campaign Front Court Banners

Council agreed to the installation of replacement Campaign banners in the Front Court over the summer vacation 2022 for the final phase of the current fundraising campaign.

355b. Donor Boards

The Director of Development proposed to Council the installation of donor boards at a suitable location in the College to acknowledge donations from Fellow Commoners and Fellow Benefactors, and in particular to those who have made generous donations during the current campaign. A number of sites have been considered, with the wall on the Wilkins building under the library (west wall) being deemed a most suitable location by the Development Committee. Funding up to £150k has been approved in the Development 2022/23 budget, with the Director of Development wishing to have the boards installed before the end of the campaign (the campaign ends in September 2023). There will be the need to clean and conserve the walls (east and west under the library) prior to the boards being mounted. The style and type of material has yet to be finalised, and Council asked that options be shared with them (through the Adornment Committee) prior to final approval.

Council discussed the merits of restricting names to those who have donated during the campaign and agreed that others should be included. They also sought clarification as to whether planning permission and Listed Building Consent is required, and this will be taken forward by the Deputy Clerk of Works.

Council agreed to the cleaning and conservation of the walls, subject to obtaining planning permission and Listed Building Consent, and asked to sight the preferred boards and observations of the Adornment Committee before considering further.