

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation
held on Friday 21st July 2023
at 2:30pm in the SCR and via Zoom.

Present (starred names attended on Zoom)

Dr Zoe Adams*	Professor Caroline Goodson	Dr Scott Melville
Dr Tess Adkins	Professor Timothy Griffin	Professor Campbell Middleton
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Dr Fraz Mir
Dr Mark Ainslie	Professor Mark Gross	Dr Perveez Mody
Dr David Al-Attar	Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan	Professor Geoffrey Moggridge
Professor John Arnold	Professor Cesare Hall	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes*
Dr Nicholas Atkins	Professor Ross Harrison	Dr Gabriela Montejo- Kovacevich
Professor Gareth Austin	Dr Katie Haworth*	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Seda Basihos*	Ms Lorraine Headen	Dr Basim Musallam*
Dr Giulia Boitani	Professor John Henderson*	Dr Rory O'Bryen
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Professor Robin Osborne
Dr Keith Carne	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Professor Christopher Prendergast*
Rev Dr Stephen Cherry*	Dr David Hillman	Professor Michael Proctor
Dr Ivan Collister	Mr Reza Huseini	Professor Paul Ryan*
Professor Francesco Colucci	Dr Alice Hutchings	Professor Jason Sharman
Dr Laura Davies	Professor Martin Hyland	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Dr James Dolan	Dr Malarvizhi Jayanth	Dr Rob Wallach
Professor John Dunn	Mr Peter Jones	Professor Darin Weinberg*
Professor Ingo Gildenhard	Dr Zhuangnan Li	Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex
Professor Simon Goldhill	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Dr Thomas White*
Dr David Good	Professor Nicholas Marston	

Apologies

Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Robert Foley	Professor Dan McKenzie
Professor Mike Bate	Professor Matthew Gandy	Dr Jonah Miller
Dr Francesco Bianchini	Mr Jakub Gasiénica-Ciulacz	Mr Adam Motloch
Professor Richard Bourke	Professor Lord Anthony Giddens	Ms Timi Olumide-Wahab
Dr Angela Breitenbach	Professor Christopher Gilligan CBE	Dr Rosanna Omitowaju
Professor Judith Browne	Mr Api Hasthanasombat	Dr Tejas Parasher

Professor Nicholas Bullock	Dr Katherine Herrity	Professor John Perry
Dr Katherine Campbell	Dr Ryan Heuser	Dr Adriana Pesci
Professor Richard Causton	Professor Dame Caroline Humphrey	Dr Surabhi Ranganathan
Mr Nicholas Cavalla	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Benjamin Ravenhill
Dr Maurice Chiodo	Mr Daniel Hyde	Professor Robert Rowthorn
Dr Alexandra Clarà Saracho	Mr Philip Isaac	Professor Hamid Sabourian
Dr Sarah Crisp	Professor Ian James	Dr Mira Seigelberg
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Mark Smith
Professor Peter de Bolla	Ms Michaela Kadlecova	Dr Michael Sonenscher
Professor George Efstathiou	Professor Barry Keverne	Professor Gareth Stedman Jones
Professor Bradley Epps	Dr Philip Knox	Dr James Taylor
Professor Ayttek Erdil	Dr Patrycja Kozik	Professor Nicholas Tosca
Mr Dan Erwig	Dr Joanna Kusiak	Mr James Trevithick
Dr Sebastian Eves-Van den Akker	Professor James Laidlaw	Professor Caroline Van Eck
Professor Khaled Fahmy	Professor Richard Lambert	Professor Bert Vaux
Dr Elisa Faraglia	Professor Charlie Loke	Dr James Vicary
Professor James Fawcett	Professor Sarah Lummis	Professor John Young
Professor Iain Fenlon	Professor Jean Michel Massing	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Dr Timothy Flack	Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas	
Dr Freddy Foks	Dr Naomi McGovern	

On Leave

Professor Anna Alexandrova	Dr Timothy Flack	Dr Cicely Marshall
Professor Angela Breitenbach	Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou	Professor Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Matei Candea	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Mira Siegelberg
Dr Sarah Crisp	Professor James Laidlaw	Dr Sharath Srinivasan

The Vice-Provost chaired open business due to the delayed arrival of the Provost.

OPEN BUSINESS

66. Declarations of Interest

None.

Dr Malar Jayanth declared her interest in Item 69, as she is the current holder of the Research Fellowship in Slavery.

67. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 26th June 2023

Approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

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None.

68. ***Oral Reports***

None.

Principal Business

69. **Legacies of Slavery Report**

The Vice-Provost presented the final report of the Legacies of Slavery Committee. He noted that Governing Body had already received the Committee's preliminary report and highlighted that many recommendations made in that report had already been acted upon. The Vice Provost extended his thanks to all Fellows and staff that made the research project, which culminates in this final report and the recommendations made within it, possible.

The Vice-Provost explained that the Report presents recommendations alongside the College's Officers' view on enactment of each of those proposals. He highlighted a major proposal made in the Report, which is to ringfence an element of the College endowment for initiatives aimed to benefit those from backgrounds adversely affected by the slave trade.

Professor Austin, a key contributor to the Committee, emphasised that the project was rooted in scholarly enquiry.

The Senior Officers responded to queries about how income from the proposed ringfenced element of the endowment would be applied, and the input the Senior Officers had had in formulating the proposals.

The Vice-Provost clarified that the Senior Officers had been asked by Council to explore how proposals made by the Committee could be implemented in practice.

The Senior Tutor committed to work with the Admissions Tutor to implement an increased emphasis on widening the participation of BME individuals in student admissions.

The Vice-Provost elaborated on how the figure of £2,000,000 had been reached as an appropriate element of the endowment to ringfence. The number had been reached by attempting to translate an estimate of the benefits the College had received as a result of involvement in slavery into a present-day equivalent figure, although he noted the inherent difficulties of calculating this accurately. The suggestion was made that the £2 million should be index-linked in order to sustain its value.

The Director of Development asked the Vice-Provost to clarify what sum the Development Office was being asked to raise matched funding for. The Vice-Provost clarified that this would be in relation to a Post-Graduate Studentship, half funded by the College, with the remainder of the funding being sought from donors.

Governing Body raised the question of whether the College could pursue partnerships with educational institutions abroad in areas particularly impacted by the slave trade and noted that some moves in this direction were already being taken.

Governing Body asked that the College's work on tackling the legacies of slavery was shared with Cambridge college leadership communities more widely, to facilitate knowledge-sharing and transparency.

Governing Body agreed:

- a) To receive with thanks the Report of the Legacies of Slavery committee; and
- b) To accept the recommendations of the Report.

70. **Examination Results**

The Senior Tutor presented a paper to Governing Body outlining the current position regarding exam results from the 2023 exam season. She explained that the ongoing marking and assessment boycott, lead by the University and College Union, meant College had been unable secure a full set of marks for a majority of its undergraduate students (a situation expected to prevail for some time).

The Senior Tutor highlighted the proforma letter being used to support students seeking to move on to further study or training in the absence of their exam results. She invited members of Governing Body to contact the Tutorial Office if they needed assistance supporting students in this regard.

Additionally, the Senior Tutor drew Governing Body's attention to the upcoming supervision boycott. She highlighted that the majority of College teaching was carried out by individuals who may participate in the boycott. She urged Governing Body to remain mindful of the likely impact of this boycott when planning teaching for Michaelmas term.

Governing Body agreed to authorise the Senior Tutor to delay her report on Examination Results until Michaelmas term 2023.

71. **Revised Ordinances**

In the Provost's absence, the Vice Provost presented proposed revised College Ordinances to Governing body for their second reading.

The revised Ordinances had initially been presented to Governing Body, and approved, at Congregation on 26th June 2023. The Vice-Provost now, in accordance with the College's Governing Documents, asked Governing Body to approve them for the second time, to enable the proposed Ordinances to come into effect with the new Statutes on 31st July.

Governing Body agreed to approve for the second time the revised Ordinances, first approved on 26th June 2023, to take effect on 31st July 2023.

Routine Papers (for report only)

None.

72. **Any Other Business**

None.