

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022 at 2.00pm in the Audit Room and via Zoom

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice Provost
	Dr Adams		Senior Tutor
	Professor Dunn		First Bursar
	Dr Clarà Saracho		Domus Bursar
	Dr Dolan		
	Professor Efstathiou	*Open business:	*Mr Pugh
	Professor Griffiths		*Mr Russo
	Professor Perry		
	Dr Srinivasan		
	*Ms Kadlecova		

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Professor Griffin, Dr Candea and Ms Kelly.

OPEN BUSINESS

73. Declarations of Interest

None.

74. Minutes of Open Business of 8th February 2022

Approved.

75. Matters arising

None.

76. Council Timetable and Action List – Open Matters

- TORs – the Provost has written to current Chairs inviting them to undertake a review of their TORs and confirm Chairs for 2022.
- The Turing Lecture – Dr Raia Hadsell of DeepMind has accepted an invitation to give the Turing Lecture on 29 April 2022.
- Open Matters carried forward have been included in this meeting of Council – there are no open matters outstanding.

77. Oral reports

The First Bursar provided an update on Covid and possible outcomes of recent Government announcements. Guidance is awaited from the University, and it is likely that while there will be further relaxations to restrictions, staff and students will be asked to be careful and considerate, and demonstrate respect to others.

Principal Item of Business

78. Update on the work of Legacies Committee

Dr Srinivasan presented this paper on behalf of the Chair and members of the Legacies Committee, covering its activities and proposals, some of which have already been taken forward, and others are in positive development. This is a further interim report, with the pandemic occasioning delays to this work. It noted substantial changes in admissions, covering both qualitative as well as quantitative matters, underscoring further opportunities to ensure admissions is attentive to the experience of BME background applicants. The Committee welcomed the efforts made by Tutorial to identify the services of a counsellor experienced with students from a BME background and were interested in reviewing the College's approach to bias training and possibly extending its scope. Council discussed interest in the formation of an EDI Committee in College. It was recognised that while such issues are already covered in other Committee work, a more focused approach to EDI matters may be required. The exact form and purpose of such a Committee warrants further consideration; Dr Dolan agreed to produce a draft framework on this.

As the work evolves, a number of further observations and recommendations were made, those being

- With the Chair Professor Austin being on leave a new Chair needs to be appointed – the Vice Provost agreed to take on the role on a temporary basis while a more permanent solution is identified,
- Council agreed that Dr Malarvizhi Jayanth's membership from co-opted to regular status should proceed, and
- An agreed reporting schedule going forward should be agreed, recognising the disruption caused by the pandemic. The Committee should propose this to Council.

Other Items for Discussion

79. Benches in Webb's Court

As Chair of the Gardens Committee the Provost presented a paper on a proposed installation of benches on the lawn in Webb's Court, providing a space for all members to sit and enjoy.

Council agreed:

- (a) To approve the installation of benches in Webb's Court, noting that costs will be taken into 2022/23 budget planning.

80. Planting trees on rear court

As Chair of the Gardens Committee the Provost presented a paper seeking the views from Council on a tree planting scheme on the rear court and along the path adjacent to College Offices, forming an avenue of trees. It was felt the Wild Service tree to be appropriate, with the number of trees ranging from seven to eleven. Council felt that seven trees to be more appropriate and were interested in how high these trees would grow and sought greater assurance of root barrier methodology in order to protect the Wilkins building. It was noted that the permission of the local Conservation Officer would be required. Council

endorsed this proposal going to Governing Body for their consideration and asked that a paper include more information on root protection and an improved photographic illustration of the trees in maturity.

81. Pop Up Shop in Chapel during Summer Vacation

The Domus Bursar presented a proposal to establish a temporary pop up shop in the Chapel during the Summer months to increase tourism income through making merchandise readily available in the Chapel as well as the Visitor Centre. The views of the Dean were also accepted. Discussion in Council was mixed, but there was firm support of the views of the Dean and Director of Music, and that further dialogue was required to agree a way forward before this proposal could go to Governing Body for their consideration. A number of options alternative to the shop being placed in the antechapel (external to the chapel or in one of the exhibition side chapels) should be explored, and further proposals invited from the Visitor Committee. Council commended to the Visitor Committee the increase in the on-line ticket cost to reduce or eliminate the premium for on-line booking.

82. Privately Funded College Fees 2023-24

Council was asked to agree the level of fees for privately funded undergraduates from October 2023. Last year the increase was 4% and the First Bursar recommends a similar increase on this occasion. There is discussion with the University on the setting of a combined fee that includes both Colleges and University, fixing fees across the University; this work is ongoing.

Council agreed to set the College privately funded undergraduate fees for the academic year 2023-24 at:

- (i) £8,718 for students whose course begins in 2018-19;
- (ii) £9,153 for students whose course begins in 2019-20;
- (iii) £10,068 for students whose course begins in 2020-21;
- (iv) £10,470 for students whose course begins in 2021-22;
- (v) £10,887 for students whose course begins in 2022-23; and
- (vi) £11,322 for students whose course begins in 2023-24.

The fee for these students will be the same in subsequent years of the course up to the fourth year.

83. Review of Policies

Council considered Policy review dates, observing that 17 policies were overdue or out of date due to the pandemic. Authors of these policies will be invited to bring reviewed policies to Council or indicate that they remain extant and up to date.

Business for Report

84. Review of Residents' Passes for Chapel and grounds admission

Council was asked to agree a number of changes and for them to be introduced as Covid restrictions are lifted, and budgets adjusted for the FY 2022/23. There was agreement but concern was voiced over the increase in prices, and that card prices should align with ticket entry prices (with the card being valid for one year).

Council agreed:

To approve adjustments to the existing Resident Pass scheme, reducing validity from three to one year, eligibility radius from 12 to 10 miles, aligning the fee to the ticket entry price, with a lost card replacement fee of £5 and admission for pass holder only (and children under six).

85. Choirs Committee Minutes – 27 January 2022

Noted.

86. Gardens Committee Minutes – 31 January 2022

Noted.

87. Proposal for a student-run Welfare Day – 5 March 2022

Council received a paper and agreed to a Welfare Day on 5 March 2022 subject to final details being agreed with Head Gardener, Health & Safety Advisor, Head of Visitor Services, Head Porter and Domus Bursar.

88. Easter Festival 2022

Council approved the budgeted proposals for the 2022 Easter Festival and looks forward to a report on its success in the Easter Term 2022.

89. King's Funday 2022

Council received a paper and agreed to a Funday on 19 June 2022 subject to final details being agreed with Head Gardener, Health & Safety Advisor, Head of Visitor Services, Head Porter, Domus Bursar and Lay Dean.

90. Charities Committee Report – Lent 2022

Noted.

91. Report on Student Societies

While Council approved this report on Student Societies, the First Bursar observed that all Societies that come under the College name should be formally recognised, regardless of any funding needs. The Boat Club accounts should also be reported to Council.

91a. Women/Non-Binary Dinner – 9 March 2022

Council approved the holding of the Women/Non-Binary Dinner in Hall and subsequent entertainment in the Bar/Chetwynd Room on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

92. Any Other Business

None.