

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and via Zoom

Present:	Provost (via Zoom)	In Attendance:	Vice Provost
	Ms Headen		First Bursar
	Professor Dunn		Senior Tutor
	Dr Taylor		Domus Bursar
	Professor Giannitsarou		Mx Graham*
	Dr Good		Mr Lee Boya*
	Dr Russell		
	Mr Limoncelli*		Registrar
			*Open Business

497. **Apologies for Absence**

Professor Candea, Dr Adhikari, and Dr Sarkovic apologised for their absence. Ms Bulteel was absent. Professor Sharman was on leave.

The Vice Provost chaired the meeting as the Provost was attending remotely.

OPEN BUSINESS

498. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

499. **Minutes of Open Business 22 October 2024**

Approved.

500. **Matters arising**

The Domus Bursar updated Council about the potential lease of 9 King's Parade by the College. Although discussions with the landlord had continued after Council on 22 October, she and the First Bursar had agreed that the College should not proceed with the lease as the financial commitment now demanded would not be proportionate to the benefits to the College. Council thanked the Domus Bursar for the update.

501. **Oral reports**

The Domus Bursar reported to Council about interest at the Buildings & Safety Committee in the College participating in the FutureIN initiative, which encourages organisations to take on young people at risk of homelessness as apprentices via their building contractor when carrying out a development. She and the College's Capital Projects Team would build the apprenticeship requirement into the tender process for projects so participation would come at no cost to the College. Council will receive further updates as required.

The First Bursar drew Council's attention to the College Archives' efforts to acquire the Turing Delilah Project papers. The College will submit an expression of interest to

the Arts Council later this month, which must be in the form of a letter from either the College's trustees or a person with delegated authority.

Council agreed to delegate authority to the First Bursar to send a letter expressing the College's interest in acquiring the Turing Delilah Project papers to the Arts Council.

502. Council Timetable – Open Matters

No timetabled papers required.

503. Council Action List – Open Matters

No reports overdue. Actions due this term:

- Report from HASS Research Manager (Dr Good) on prospects for developing a summer seminar series.
- Update from the Domus Bursar on 9 King's Parade lease delivered during Matters Arising.

Strategic

None.

Routine

504. Stephen Taylor Building – In-year Budget Request

The Domus Bursar asked Council to authorise additional budget of £70,000 to cover investigation works into the water ingress on the Stephen Taylor Building.

She explained that the team involved in the development were not agreed on who were responsible for the issues (the builders or designers). On the advice of the College's professional advisors, she proposed to work with the original team to collectively establish the cause of the problem. Should it be necessary to escalate the dispute following the investigation she will provide Council with an update.

Council agreed to authorise up to £70,000 additional spending on the Stephen Taylor Building while investigation works are carried out, and liability for the issues assigned.

Council warmly thanked the Domus Bursar for her work resolving this matter.

505. 2025 E-Lab Hackathon

Council received a proposal from the College's E-Lab hold an 'LLM x Law Hackathon' in College on 29 and 30 June 2025 in a similar form to the 'Hackathon' in 2024. The Vice Provost spoke to the Proposal.

In advance of the meeting, Mx Graham (KSCU President) had provided written comments on the proposal on behalf of KCSU. They had raised moral and ethical concerns about the LLM x Hackathon model, and highlighted dissatisfaction amongst the undergraduate student body with the E-Lab's activities more generally.

Mr Lee Boya had consulted with KCGS members, who had indicated more positive feelings towards the E-Lab, although not specifically the Hackathon.

Council noted low participation by King's members in the 2024 event, which was below the 80/20 split usually required for student events, and that Fellows with academic interests relevant to AI had not been involved with the plans for the 2025 Hackathon. Council discussed whether the Hackathon should, in light of this, be

considered an internal College event or an external event (and whether use of College facilities should be charged for accordingly).

Council also had regard to reports of non-collegial behaviour by some 2024 participants, and the E-Lab's proposal to increase attendee numbers in 2025.

The Provost encouraged Council to remain mindful that the 2024 event was the first of its kind and that there was the opportunity for iterative improvement.

Council were not minded to refuse permission for the Hackathon at this stage but asked the E-Lab to return a revised proposal which addresses Council's concerns (increased event size, participation by King's students and Fellows, and greater control of participant behaviour).

Council also asked the E-Lab Directors and Committee to engage with KCSU and KCGS to better understand their concerns and develop strategies to control the impact of E-Lab events and increase the E-Lab's benefit to the whole King's student community.

506. Co-operation Agreement with Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa

Professor Colucci, Graduate Admissions Tutor, asked Council to support a recent agreement of cultural exchange between the *Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa* and King's. The Senior Tutor spoke to the paper. She explained that the agreement would formalise an existing relationship between the institutions and add another cross-University relationship to the wide range of arrangements the College already has in place.

Council agreed that the College should enter into an agreement with the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa to exchange up to two students annually for up to a maximum of three months per student from October to June included.

Council asked the Senior Tutor to submit a list of all current exchange schemes to Council so they could be considered in the round.

507. Kings Catz Christian Union Event Promotion

Council agreed that the joint King's and Catz Christian Union may advertise the central Christian Union Carol Service with flyers and hot chocolate on 5 December between 2pm and 3.30pm and that they may also advertise the Cambridge Intercollegiate Christian Union Events Week on 6 February, early afternoon, with flyers and lemonade and cake/snacks.

508. Use of Hall – Cambridge University Scandinavian Society

Council agreed to permit the Cambridge University Scandinavian Society use of the Hall for a society dinner on Saturday 15 February 2025, details to be agreed with the Catering Department.

509. Boat Club Dinners Lent Term and Easter Term 2025

Council agreed to permit the Boat Club to hold Dinners in Hall on 15 March and 21 June 2025, subject to detailed arrangements agreed with Catering.

Compliance

None.

Minutes

510. **Minutes of the Investment Committee meeting on 21 June 2024**

Noted

511. **Minutes of the Library Committee meeting on 8 October 2024**

Noted.

512. **Minutes of the E-Lab Committee meeting on 18 October 2024**

Noted.

513. **Minutes of the Gardens Committee meeting on 15 October 2024**

Noted.

514. **Minutes of the Buildings & Safety Committee meeting on 21 October 2024**

Noted.

Any Other Business

515. None.