

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday, 25th January 2022 at 2pm in the Audit Room and via Zoom

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

Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Dr Candea.

OPEN BUSINESS

12. Declarations of Interest

None.

13. Minutes of Open Business of 23rd November 2021

Approved.

14. Minutes of Open Business of 18th January 2022

Approved.

15. Matters arising

None.

16. Council Timetable and Action List – Open Matters

- Easter Festival – The First Bursar observed that it was likely the festival would go ahead and a budget had been agreed in 2021 but not updated. The Director of Music will be reminded to submit an update to Council.
- TORs – the Provost will write to current Chairs inviting them to undertake a review of their TORs and confirm Chairs for 2022.
- The Admissions Tutor asked that the 2023 Admissions Paper be tabled at the second meeting of Lent Term 2023.
- Open Matters carried forward have been included in this meeting of Council – there are no open matters outstanding.

17. Oral reports

Council was updated on the pandemic, and while numbers of cases in Cambridge were stabilising the same could not be said for Colleges. In the College there were a number of positive cases, and it was also noted that the participation rate in this week's asymptomatic testing was still low. Individual LFD tests will be conducted twice a week commencing 31 January.

Principal Items of Business

None.

Other Items for Discussion

18. Report on Student Numbers

The Senior Tutor provided his annual report on the number of students registered at King's College in the current academic year. College currently has 453 undergraduates across all 3/4 years, compared to a broad target of 430 (this number was increased in 2019 from 400 to factor in 30 additional UGs from economically disadvantaged backgrounds). However, taking into account a number of variables (such as the recognition of clinical medics as postgraduate students), the target is suggested to be 454, indicating the correct level of registration. At graduate level there are 320 against a broad target of 270. However within that number are part time and PhD students who go beyond their 3 years of funding. Taking them into consideration it is suggested there are 246, again indicating that numbers were in line with targets. The Senior Tutor is currently preparing a paper for Council that considers whether resources targeted to graduate students is reasonable, and it might be that a further paper to Governing Body should review levels of UGs and graduate students, observing that it has been some years since current levels were agreed.

19. K-Gates January 2022

Council received an update from the Domus Bursar on the K-Gates portfolio, with a number of projects ready to move to the next stage or exit the Portfolio.

Council agreed:

- (a) to endorse the revision and plans of alternative options to the Chetwynd Court development (cost £25k, donor funded),
- (b) to endorse the Mumby Room improvements and Gatehouse roof repairs/replacement entering the portfolio,
- (c) to approve Chapel sound amplification (£20k), S Staircase bathrooms (£95k) and Scott Building timber windows (£135k) projects moving to the Investigation Stage,
- (d) to endorse the Spalding Hostel internal refurbishment project moving to the Planning Stage (£335k),
- (e) to approve the Webb's Court resin bond surface (£124k), Chapel joinery (nil costs) and Grasshopper boiler/flue replacement (nil cost) projects moving to the Planning Stage,
- (f) to approve the Grasshopper roof repairs/replacement project moving to the Review Stage, and
- (g) to approve the Gardener's Building in the Fellows Garden project exiting the Portfolio.

20. Admissions Report

On behalf of the Admissions Team, The Admissions Tutor presented an overview of the Admissions Round 2022 – 23. The team continues to work hard through their outreach initiatives to attract applications from a broad base and gender balance, with applications in 2021 increasing from the previous year. The College continues to offer a large proportion of offers to students from some of the poorest areas, and who have faced most challenging conditions. Access initiatives are ongoing and the Bridging Programme will be conducted again in 2022, and the expected outcomes of the programmes run in 2020 and 2021 being closely evaluated. The Admissions week later in 2022 will be in-person or on-line and not hybrid. Council accepted the paper and gave their thanks to the Admissions team.

21. Progress Pride Flag – February 2022

Council received a proposal from the KCSU to fly the Progress Pride Flag on 1st February 2022. This flag was designed in 2018 to update the six-stripe Rainbow Flag that has been flown in recent years, and comprises the colours of the Transgender Pride flag as well as a black and brown stripe - better representing the transgender students and queer students of colour in the College. It was observed that likely in 2020 it was agreed that the flag could be flown throughout February, with the exception of days when other flags were flown by enduring protocols.

Council agreed:

to fly the Progress Pride Flag during 1st February 2022, as weather conditions permit and unless other flags are required to be flown.

Business for Report

22. Filming in College – January 2022

Approved subject to further clearance to film in Chapel being obtained through the Dean.

23. Pink Week – Yoga in Chapel

Approved subject to clearance of Risk Assessment through the Health & Safety Adviser.

4. Application to film in Chapel

Council discussed a paper from the Dean and rejected the application from Mr Chrimes. The Provost will convey this decision to Mr Chrimes.

25. Education Committee Minutes – 21 Oct 21

Noted.

Papers received under Vacation Powers

26. Use of Cobbles – Pink Week February 2022

Noted as approved.

27. Any Other Business

None.