

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 30th May 2023 at 2.00pm in the Audit Room and zoom

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost
	Professor Griffiths		Senior Tutor
	Professor Hall		First Bursar
	Dr Good		Domus Bursar
	Dr Taylor		
	Dr Dolan		*Mr Gasienica-Ciulacz
	*Mr Erwig		*Open business

In attendance – Ms Beere

Apologies for Absence

Professors Sharman and Dunn, Dr Adhikari, Ms Kadlecova and Ms Olumide-Wahab apologised for their absence. Professors Giannitsarou and Candea were on leave.

The Provost introduced Ms Beere, the incoming College Registrar, to Council.

OPEN BUSINESS

226. Declarations of Interest

None.

227. Minutes of Open Business 16th May 2023

Approved.

228. Matters arising

None.

229. Council Timetable – Open Matters

In agenda, with a number of papers outstanding. The Honorary Rowe Librarian Report will be presented at the next Council meeting, with others (Choir Strategy Committee Report and Qualification as a Charity Trustee) to follow.

Council noted the expected annual Head Teacher's Report due during the Long Vacation Term; the First Bursar undertook to determine whether a report was required, given the changed legal status of the Choir School.

230. Council Action List – Open Matters

A number of reports and papers due during Easter Term, updates being –

- Recommendation arising from Legacies Report (Vice Provost) – paper to be provided at next meeting.
- Policy for use of hall (First Bursar) – overtaken by item 233.

- E-Lab progress report (First Bursar and Senior Tutor) – paper due in Vacation term.
- Periodicity of Committee Meetings (Provost) – Provost will invite Committee Chairs to take forward their preferred numbers of meetings per year, with the Bursary producing a revised programme of meetings.
- University members access through College (Domus Bursar) – issue overtaken by events, with no change to current practice.
- Final Five Year Education Plan (Senior Tutor) – paper due in Vacation Term.
- Feedback on reducing heating in College over winter (Domus Bursar) – very little feedback received.

231. Oral reports

None.

Principal Items of Business

232. Regulations

The Provost and Dr Dolan presented this paper to Council, which represented a detailed revision to Ordinances and Regulations, consequent on the Statutes awaiting approval from the Privy Council. The Provost reminded Council that these amended Ordinances are required to be considered by Governing Body on two occasions, with the aim of them being finally approved by Governing Body on 21 July 2023.

Dr Dolan appraised Council of the alignment of Ordinances and Regulations with College Statutes, covering membership of College, Audit & Scrutiny Committee, election of Council Members, spending levels, choir representation, academic benefits, CTAs, and policies.

Council welcomed this paper, and asked that Dr Keith Carne and Dr James Dolan be warmly thanked for their significant contribution to these proposed changes.

They noted the need in the light of the Grieve report on Christ Church Oxford, to better realign Committee business so that the same committee was not both elected by and responsible to Governing Body. The obvious way to do this was to make all Committees responsible to Council, while some would still report to Governing Body. The College Registrar was asked to review the Ordinances and Regulations and suggest amended Terms of Reference in this respect.

Council endorsed the changes proposed to the Ordinances and Regulations to provide greater consistency. It further recommended them to the Governing Body for it to consider, subject to any further changes by the Registrar, in consultation with the First Bursar, and, if agreed, to approve the Ordinances and the Governing Body Regulations. In addition, it proposed:

- a) That any amendments or changes to Council Regulations will be reported to the Governing Body and those changes made to the version available on the College's website,

- b) to include all policies, statements of practice, and terms of reference for committees with the Regulations,
- c) to ask the Dean of Chapel and the Director of Music to consider what changes need to be made to the draft “Policy for Choral Scholars, Organ Scholars and Choir Volunteers” and report to Council,
- d) to ask the Vice-Provost to consider what changes need to be made to “Rights and Benefits for Academic Staff” policy;
- e) to ask the Vice-Provost to ensure that the Academic Staff Handbook is completed and presented to Council and to Governing Body before the new Statutes are approved.

Other Items for Discussion

233. Nokia Bell Labs (NBL) sponsoring events in College

The First Bursar reminded Council of an earlier paper to Council, seeking approval for an external dinner on a weekday in Michaelmas Term 2023, subject to furthering additional opportunities for collaboration beyond the dinner.

He further reported that exchanges had been very positive with NBL seeking to go beyond commercial gain, seeking opportunities to build a long term relationship with the College community. In the first instance NBL proposed financing a dinner to bring together students, College Officers, Fellows and NBL researchers; this might be followed by E-Lab talks and further receptions.

Council was divided on the issue and opportunity, some of it being viewed as a means of providing a platform for commercial exploitation, while others accepting it as a means of creating academic opportunity during term, on the basis that all would benefit. Additional clarification would be required as to how to ensure that the opportunity was distributed fairly amongst College members; it was confirmed that the proposed dinner was in addition to the agreed number of student formals during Michaelmas Term.

The Research Managers asked that they are engaged in early discussions of any future opportunities, in order to further enrich and explore outcomes. The student representatives were largely supportive and asked for clarity in the rationale for such engagement in order to ensure the value of such use of college facilities.

The votes below were agreed, with Professor Griffiths voting against:

Council

- a) Agreed to the funding of a dinner, an Entrepreneurship Lab talk, and a Fellows’ reception by Nokia Bell Labs,
- b) agreed to the exceptional use of Hall by Nokia Bell Labs on 7 November 2023,

- c) agreed that the First Bursar and Director of Development explore further such collaborations, reporting to Council as opportunities emerge, and that the Research Managers should be involved, and
- d) agreed that the First Bursar and Vice Provost report to Council, following the NBL event, with proposals for guidelines to be followed for any further similar events, by the end of Michaelmas Term 2023.

Business for Report

234. Minutes of Communications Committee 26 Apr 23

Approved.

235. John Rose Prize 2023

Noted.

236. Request to illuminate chapel – Jul 23

Approved.

237. Minutes of Library Committee 24 Jan 23

Approved.

238. James Essay Prize 2023

Noted.

239. Charities Committee Termly Report

Approved.

240. Any Other Business

The Domus Bursar informed Council that he had been approached by the BBC, seeking to film in the Hall over a seven day period as part of a BBC drama, in early 2024. Council asked that the Adornment Committee should be consulted before a formal proposal was brought, and that use of Hall was conducted out of term.