

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 8th March 2022 at 2.00pm
in the Audit Room and via Zoom.

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

Apologies for Absence

The Provost apologised for his absence, and the Vice Provost took the Chair.

OPEN BUSINESS

101. Declarations of Interest

None.

102. Minutes of Open Business of 22nd February 2022

Approved.

103. Matters arising

Dr Dolan asked that Item 78 be amended to read that he would produce an EDI Committee draft framework.

104. Council Timetable and Action List – Open Matters

There is one item outstanding, that being the Chapel Committee to consider whether or not any use of the alienated wood is possible within the Chapel; this work is ongoing with the Committee due to meet with the Chapel Architect.

105. Oral reports

The First Bursar provided an update on Covid and outcomes of recent Government announcements, observing that the number of staff in self-isolation was currently on a par with students. It is the intention of the University to continue its support to Colleges and those in self-isolation, and procedures remain unchanged. New guidance will be provided after 1 April when free testing ends for the general public.

Principal Item of Business

None.

Other Items for Discussion

106. General Admission

The Senior Tutor presented a paper proposing a number of minor amendments to the arrangements by comparison with the 2019 General Admission, to be effective for 2022 and beyond.

Council agreed to confirm the programme for the coming General Admission in 2022, and, subject to a successful review by the Senior Tutor, Praelector, Praelector's PA and Catering, to continue this programme in future years.

107. Development Director Termly Report

The Director of Development presented a general description of Development fundraising, events and activities undertaken since late November 2021.

108. Request for use of hall during term

A request from the King's College Law Society (KCLS) for the use of Hall during term time on Saturday 29th October, as the culminating event following a programme of events for NRMs who studied law and Fellows and current students studying law.

Council approved the KCLS event and use of Hall on 29th October 2022, subject to alternative arrangements being made for junior members to eat their servery meal that evening.

109. Keynes accommodation damages

The Assistant Tutor informed Council of a number of episodes of damage in the recently refurbished Keynes accommodation. Some of the damage appears to be malicious and associated with persons breaking through different zones in the building. There is no evidence of any malfunction or other issue being reported through the eMaint reporting system. The undergraduate reps described a series of engagements with the student community and brought forward issues of equipment malfunction and safety concerns from the residents.

Council noted with concern that the damage done included damage that could not be attributed to equipment malfunction, but also agreed that what had happened demonstrated the need for improved communications on both sides. Council agreed that further dialogue was necessary to better understand what has been happening and why these behaviours had arisen in Keynes, but cautioned that escalating sanctions would be required if there was evidence of further damage. It was agreed that the Assistant Tutor (as convenor), Senior Tutor, Domus Bursar, and KCSU Representatives should meet with residents of Keynes in order to understand fully what had gone wrong and what further action should be taken.

110. Renting accommodation to non-King's students

The Assistant Tutor informed Council of a proposed policy on accepting non-King's postgraduate students into College accommodation, covering protocols such as rent and charges, extent of facilities use, non-use of a pigeon hole and library (unless a need is established), and with disciplinary/financial and pastoral issues remaining the responsibility of the students' own College.

Council agreed to support the proposed policy as outlined in the paper. Council also asked that Graduate Tutors review graduate numbers attending College for one year degrees if there is deemed to be sufficient accommodation to take additional numbers and report back to Council.

111. Chapel roof replacement – Tender Stage

The Domus Bursar asked Council to approve the Chapel Roof Replacement Project proceeding to the Tender Stage (RIBA 4/Detailed Planning Stage), with work to justify installation of photovoltaic and rainwater harvesting continuing concurrently (albeit included in the Faculty application). It is intended to align this project with the Spalding Hostel internal refurbishment, and for the two projects to be managed by one Main Contractor, reducing preliminary and contractor site costs.

Council agreed to endorse to Governing Body the Chapel Roof Replacement Project proceeding to the Detailed Planning Stage (cost £98k).

Business for Report

112. Bridge the Gap 2022

Council received a paper and agreed to College participating in Bridge the Gap 2022 on 11th September 2022, subject to final detailed agreement with the Domus Bursar, Head of Visitor Services, Head Porter and the Head Gardener.

113. Buildings & Safety Committee Minutes – 24 January 2022

Noted.

114. Accounts for Vacation Bar

Noted.

115. Catering Committee Minutes – 15 February 2022

Noted.

116. College Security update 2022

Council received an update on the work of the Security Action Working Group, and look forward to receiving a further update on this work during Lent Term 2023.

117. Development Committee Minutes – 18 November 2021

Noted.

118. Gifts of £10k plus

Noted.

119. Pop up Shop in Chapel

Council accepted the withdrawal of an earlier paper on a proposal to establish a temporary pop up shop in the Chapel, and for the Visitor Committee to consider wider opportunities for offering merchandise in that part of the College.

120. Room booking policy during quiet period

The Lay Dean brought a revised policy to cover room bookings during the quiet period, operating through the Easter full term, including a core exam period where a more cautious and restrictive approach is taken with respect to bookings. The policy was approved, and will continue to be approved annually.

121. Sustainability Committee Minutes – 24 February 2022

Noted.

122. Joint Sports Day with New College, Oxford

Council received a paper seeking approval to host a Joint Sports Day with students from New College, Oxford, on Sunday 8th May 2022. It was agreed subject to detailed planning with Head Gardener, Head of Visitor Services, Health & Safety Advisor, Head Porter, Head of Catering, and final approval of Domus Bursar and Lay Dean

123. Any Other Business

Two papers were received late and presented under AOB.

123a. Financial Report on Recordings

Noted.

123b. Investigation of Keynes doors

KCSU Reps asked that this paper be linked to paper 109 as evidence of non-functioning fire doors and other maintenance issues in Keynes.

Council agreed (as above) to investigate issues with doors in Keynes and to encourage relevant systems of student reporting.