

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation on Monday 20 May 2024
at 18:00 in the SCR and via Zoom.

Present (starred names attended on Zoom)

Dr Zoe Adams*	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Professor Geoff Moggridge
Professor John Arnold	Dr Kate Herrity	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes*
Dr Marcus Böick	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Dr Gabriela Montejo-Kovacevich
Dr Giulia Boitani	Dr David Hillman	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Shannon Bonke	Dr Said Reza Huseini	Dr Rory O'Bryen
Professor Jude Browne	Professor Alice Hutchings	Professor Robin Osborne
Dr Keith Carne	Mr Daniel Hyde	Dr Sophie Pickford
Rev Dr Stephen Cherry	Professor Martin Hyland	Professor Chris Prendergast*
Dr Ivan Collister	Ms Polly Ingham	Professor Mike Proctor
Dr Laura Davies*	Professor Ian James	Professor Thomas Roulet
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Mark Johnson*	Dr Angus Russell
Dr James Dolan	Dr Phil Knox*	Dr Andjela Sarkovic
Professor John Dunn	Dr Patrycja Kozik*	Professor Jason Sharman
Dr Sebastian Eves-Vanden Akker	Professor Richard Lambert*	Dr Gillian Tett
Professor Rob Foley	Dr Zhuangnan Li	Mr Jim Trevithick
Professor Chris Gilligan CBE	Professor Charlie Loke	Dr Sophie Turenne
Professor Ross Harrison	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Dr Rob Wallach
Dr Tiffany Harte	Professor Nick Marston	Dr Dror Weil
Mr Api Hasthanasombat	Professor Jean Michel Massing	Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex
Dr Katie Haworth	Professor Cam Middleton	Dr Tom White
Mrs Lorraine Headen	Dr Perveez Mody	Professor Nicolette Zeeman

44. Apologies

Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Lord Tony Giddens	Professor Rosanna Omitowaju
Dr Tess Adkins	Professor Ingo Gildenhard	Professor John Perry
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr David Good	Professor Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Anna Alexandrova	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Dr Ben Ravenhill
Professor Gareth Austin	Professor Mark Gross	Professor Robert Rowthorn
Dr Seda Basihos	Professor John Henderson	Professor Paul Ryan
Professor Mike Bate	Dr Stephen Hugh-Jones	Professor Hamid Sabourian
Dr Francesco Bianchini	Professor Dame Carrie Humphrey DBE	Dr Mira Siegelberg
Professor Richard Bourke	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Mike Sonenscher

Professor Angela Breitenbach	Mr Phil Isaac	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Professor Nick Bullock	Dr Malar Jayanth	Professor Gareth Stedman Jones
Professor Matei Candea	Mr Peter Jones	Professor Nick Tosca
Professor Francesco Colucci	Dr Aileen Kelly	Dr Marco Tripodi
Dr Sarah Crisp	Professor Barry Keverne	Professor Caroline Van Eck
Professor Pete de Bolla	Dr Joanna Kusiak	Professor Bert Vaux
Professor George Efstathiou	Professor James Laidlaw	Professor Jamie Vicary
Professor Elisa Faraglia	Professor Sarah Lummis	Professor Darin Weinberg
Professor James Fawcett	Dr Cicely Marshall	Professor John Young
Professor Iain Fenlon	Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas	Ms Berenice Bulteel
Dr Tim Flack	Professor Dan McKenzie	Mr Spencer Lee Boya
Professor Matthew Gandy	Dr Fraz Mir	Mx Teddy Graham
Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou	Dr Basim Musallam	

On Leave

Dr Nick Atkins	Professor Aytek Erdil	Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Professor Simon Goldhill	Professor Chez Hall
Professor Richard Causton	Professor Caroline Goodson	Dr James Taylor

Open Business Only

Mr Luca Limocelli

OPEN BUSINESS

45. **In Memory – The Hon. Geoffrey Wilson CVO**
The Members of Governing Body stood in memory of The Hon. Geoffrey Wilson, Fellow Commoner.
46. **Declarations of interest**
None.
47. **Minutes of open business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 14 March 2024**
Approved.
48. **Matters arising from the minutes**
None.
49. **Oral reports**

The Senior Tutor reported on a University consultation about exam resits. Informal proposals had been made to replace the EAMC system with a re-sit period each September. She sought Governing Body's views on the proposal.

Governing Body acknowledged that Cambridge University's approach to resits is abnormal amongst UK Universities.

Members of Governing Body highlighted the additional administrative burden a resit period would place upon academic staff and the erosion of the Summer Research Period. but noted that students might benefit from the opportunity to resit exams.

Governing Body also noted that students, for instance those who need to work during the vacations, would be negatively impacted by a resit system although others might benefit. The representative for KCSU informed Governing Body that King's undergraduates had responded negatively to the proposals when consulted by KCSU; the medics, who could already resit examinations, did not have a positive view of the resit system.

Governing Body invited the Senior Tutor to convene an informal session in which a more extensive discussion could take place. The Senior Tutor thanked Governing Body for their comments.

Principal business

50. Audit & Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference – External Members

The Vice Provost presented Council's comments on how an external member of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee should be appointed and what their role in the Committee should be.

Council had been responding to comments provided by the internal members of the Committee. Council and the Audit and Scrutiny Committee agreed on a method of appointment, but Council's view was that the Audit and Scrutiny Committee's proposals would not allow the external member to be fully effective on the Committee. Governing Body were asked to agree terms of reference for the Committee which would reflect its preferred model.

Members of Governing Body noted the value external members can bring to College committees and favoured their full engagement, particular in support of audit functions.

A fast-track appointment model had been proposed for this year only in order to ensure external membership during 2024. Governing Body broadly supported the model but felt that Council (not the Audit and Scrutiny Committee) should shortlist the candidates and appoint their preference.

Governing Body agreed:

- a) To agree terms of reference of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee based on Council's preferred model; and

- b) To adopt a ‘fast-track’ appointment process for the external member for this year only (in which Council will appoint a candidate from amongst those nominated by Fellows).

51. **Free Speech Code of Practice**

The First Bursar presented Governing Body with a new Free Speech Code of Practice, recommended by Council. The College is required to adopt a Code of Practice in order to comply with new legislation.

Governing Body discussed the language used in the Code and noted that the College may remain vulnerable to challenge even if it acted in compliance with its Code of Practice.

Governing Body raised concerns about the College’s expanded legal duties with regard to free speech and how (notwithstanding the College’s commitment to acting in a way that supports free speech and academic freedom) they may expose the College to greater risk of litigation.

The First Bursar reassured Governing Body that the Code had been developed in a way that was mindful of some of the challenges and uncertainties posed by the new legislation (management of commercial events, for example). He emphasised that the Code would remain subject to review by Council.

Governing Body agreed:

- a) To adopt the Free Speech Code of Practice appended to the paper from 1 August 2024, subject to ongoing review by Council.

52. **Amendment to Ordinances – Dissolution of the SEC (Second Reading)**

On 14 March 2024 Governing Body approved an amendment to Ordinances C.2.2 and C.2.7. The amendment removes reference to the Studentship Electors Committee from the College’s governing documents to reflect the Committee’s dissolution. The Senior Tutor brought the amendments to Governing Body again for their second reading.

Governing Body agreed:

- a) To approve, for the second time, amendments to Ordinances C.2.2 and C.2.7 so they shall no longer refer to the Studentship Electors Committee.

53. **Investment Committee – Terms of Reference**

The Investment Committee requested an amendment to its terms of reference in order to coopt up to two additional non-resident members of College to the Committee. The First Bursar spoke to the paper.

Governing Body discussed the balance of internal and external membership of the Committee. The First Bursar’s proposals would mean that external members would outnumber voting Fellows on the Committee.

Whilst Governing Body spoke highly of the role of external members on the Investment Committee and were in support of creating additional opportunities for them to contribute, Governing Body’s view was that the

proposed additional members should be non-voting in order to preserve the balance of power in favour of Senior Members of the College.

The gender balance of the current committee was noted. Governing Body considered whether adding more elected Fellows to the Committee could improve this. Governing Body's preference was, instead, to remain mindful of this issue in the lead up to the next elections.

Governing Body agreed:

- b) Agreed to amend the Investment Committee's terms of reference to allow the Committee to coopt additional non-voting non-resident members.

Governing Body took the opportunity to thank the current external members of the Investment Committee.

Routine papers (for report only)

None.

54. **Any other business**

None.