

# KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation  
held on Thursday 13 March 2024  
at 14:00 in the SCR and via Zoom.

## **Present** (starred names attended on Zoom)

Dr Zoe Adams*	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Dr Cicely Marshall
Dr Tess Adkins	Professor Thomas Harrison	Professor Nicholas Marston
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr Tiffany Harte	Dr Perveez Mody
Professor Anna Alexandrova	Mr Apinan Hasthanasombat	Professor Geoffrey Moggridge
Professor John Arnold	Dr Katie Haworth	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Marcus Böick	Mrs Lorraine Headen	Dr Basim Musallam*
Dr Giulia Boitani	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Dr Rory O'Bryen
Dr Shannon Bonke	Dr Katherine Herrity	Professor Robin Osborne
Professor Angela Breitenbach	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Dr Sophie Pickford
Professor Nick Bullock	Dr David Hillman	Professor Christopher Prendergast
Professor Matei Candea	Professor Dame Caroline Humphrey DBE	Dr Angus Russell
Dr Keith Carne	Mr Said Reza Huseini	Professor Paul Ryan
Dr Ivan Collister	Professor Alice Hutchings	Dr Andjela Sarkovic
Professor Francesco Colucci*	Professor John Hyland	Professor Jason Sharman
Dr Laura Davies	Ms Polly Ingham	Dr Gillian Tett
Professor Anne Davis	Mr Peter Jones	Dr Marco Tripodi
Professor Peter de Bolla	Professor Eric Keverne	Professor Caroline Van Eck
Dr James Dolan	Dr Philip Knox*	Dr Rob Wallach
Professor John Dunn	Dr Patrycja Kozik	Dr Dror Weil
Professor Iain Fenlon*	Professor James Laidlaw	Professor Darin Weinberg*
Professor Robert Foley*	Dr Zhuangnan Li	Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex
Dr David Good	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Professor Nicolette Zeeman

## **27. Apologies**

Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Christopher Gilligan CBE	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes
Professor Gareth Austin	Professor Simon Goldhill	Dr Gabriela Montejo-Kovacevich
Dr Seda Basihos	Mx Teddy Graham	Professor Rosanna Omitowaju
Professor Christopher Bate	Professor Mark Gross	Professor John Perry
Dr Francesco Bianchini	Professor John Henderson	Professor Mike Proctor
Professor Richard Bourke	Dr Stephen Hugh-Jones	Professor Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Judith Browne	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Benjamin Ravenhill
Ms Berenece Bulteel	Mr Daniel Hyde	Professor Thomas Roulet
Dr Katie Campbell	Mr Philip Isaac	Professor Robert Rowthorn
Rev Dr Stephen Cherry	Professor Ian James	Professor Hamid Sabourian

Dr Alexandra Clarà Saracho	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Mira Siegelberg
Dr Sarah Crisp	Dr Aileen Kelly	Dr Michael Sonenscher
Professor George Efstathiou	Dr Joanna Kusiak	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Professor Bradley Epps	Professor Richard Lambert	Professor Gareth Stedman Jones
Professor Aytek Erdil	Mr Spencer Lee Boya	Dr James Taylor
Dr Sebastian Eves-Van den Akker	Professor Charlie Loke	Professor Nicholas Tosca
Professor Elisa Faraglia	Professor Sarah Lummis	Mr James Trevithick
Professor James Fawcett	Professor Jean Michel Massing	Dr Sophie Turenne
Dr Timothy Flack	Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas	Professor Bert Vaux
Professor Matthew Gandy	Professor Dan McKenzie	Professor James Vicary
Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou	Professor Campbell Middleton	Dr Thomas White
Professor Lord Anthony Giddens	Dr Jonah Miller	Professor John Young
Professor Ingo Gildenhard	Dr Fraz Mir	

### **On Leave**

Dr Nick Atkins	Professor Caroline Goodson	Professor Chez Hall
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Dr Malar Jayanth	Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan
Professor Richard Causton		

### **Open Business Only**

Mr Luca Limoncelli

## **OPEN BUSINESS**

### **28. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **29. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 29 January 2024**

Approved.

### **30. Minutes of the Extraordinary Congregation held on 21 February 2024 (Open Business only)**

Approved.

### **31. Matters arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **32. Oral Reports**

#### **Intercollegiate Representation**

At the Congregation on 29 January 2024 the Senior Tutor brought a paper seeking Governing Body's opinion on undergraduate admissions governance reforms proposed by the University. As part of these discussions Governing Body considered the role of College Officers as representatives of the College on University committees.

The Senior Tutor brought this matter back to Governing Body for further discussion. She described the committees she, the First Bursar, the Domus Bursar, the Provost and the Tutor for Admissions sit on. She then explained the types of input representatives to those committees might be asked to have. They might be asked to discuss an issue, comment on an issue, take a non-binding vote on an issue, or take a binding vote on an issue. All binding votes take place in accordance with the Intercollegiate Common Action Framework. She explained that binding decisions were rare, and cited decisions relating to Cambridge in America as an example of where one might be required.

The Admissions Tutor noted that Admissions Forum votes (a committee on which she sits) were non-binding although this was often not made sufficiently clear. She emphasised that she and the Senior Tutor were well aware of this.

Governing Body asked how they might contribute to discussions about the University's Access and Participation Plan (the First Bursar sits on the scrutiny group for this). The Senior Tutor highlighted ongoing open consultations and noted that the issue will come to Education Committee next term. Governing Body also highlighted discussions around centralising supervisions as another area of concern. The Senior Tutor invited Governing Body to let her know where there was an issue that they would like an opportunity to discuss. She may, for example, be able to set up a College forum to gather views in response.

The importance of education issues being brought to Council and Governing Body was emphasised.

Governing Body thanked the Senior Tutor for her report.

### ***Principal Business***

#### **33. Amendment to Ordinances – Dissolution of SEC**

The Senior Tutor presented a paper regarding the absorption of the Studentship Electors Committee into the Education Committee.

The Studentship Electors Committee had spent time considering its role, and had proposed its disbandment (by way of context, the Senior Tutor noted that the Committee now awarded as few as one full undergraduate scholarship per year). The change in structure would transfer some of its responsibilities to the Education Committee, and responsibility for allocation of Scholarships will sit jointly with the Admissions Tutors, Financial Tutor and Senior Tutor (as is current practice).

The proposal was approved by Council earlier in Lent Term.

Governing Body were asked to approve an amendment to Ordinances C.2.2 and C.2.7, in order to remove references to the Studentship Electors Committee from the Governing Documents.

The Ordinances would change as follows:

C.2.2

The Council Committees shall include the Adornment Committee; the Buildings and Safety Committee; the Catering Committee; the Chapel and Choirs Committee; the Church Patronage Committee; the Development Committee; the Education Committee; the Fellowship Committee; the Finance Committee; the Gardens Committee; the Human Resources Committee; the Library Committee; ~~the Studentship Electors~~; the Visitors Committee, and the Wine Committee.

C.2.7

The Terms of Reference for any Council Committee will normally specify that the membership will include one undergraduate and one graduate student. This will not apply to those Council Committees where the business is reserved, including the Church Patronage Committee; Fellowship Committee; the Human Resources Committee; ~~the Studentship Electors~~; the Wine Committee; and any appointment committee.

Governing Body heard how valuable awards made by the Studentship Electors had been to members of the College community. The Senior Tutor emphasised that this element of the SEC's work would continue.

The Education Committee was asked, in light of its newly expanded role, to factor future changes in the availability of external funding (AHRC funding in particular) into its allocation strategy.

Governing Body noted that this decision would expand the role of the Education Committee and suggested that the Education Committee should report to Governing Body regularly (not only at the Annual Congregation).

Governing Body agreed:

- a) To accept the proposed dissolution of the SEC, and the transfer of its responsibilities for strategy to the Education Committee (as approved by Council on 23 January 2024); and
- b) To approve, for the first time, amendments to Ordinances C.2.2 and C.2.7 so they shall no longer refer to the Studentship Electors Committee.

The amendments to the Ordinances will return to Governing Body in Easter Term for their second reading.

***Routine Papers (for report only)***

None.

**34. Any Other Business**

None.