

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held in the Wine Room
On Tuesday, 7th February 2017 at 2pm

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Barber	<i>Attendance:</i>	First Bursar
	The Revd Dr Cherry		Senior Tutor
	Dr Davies		Domus Bursar to item 56
	Professor Dunn		*Ms Iossifidou
	Mrs Headen		<i>Open business only</i>
	Professor Humphrey	<i>By Invitation:</i>	<i>Professor Moggridge for item 55</i>
	Professor Mouhot to item 55		<i>Professor Osborne for item 54</i>
	Dr Sagar to item 54		<i>Ms James</i>
	Dr Taylor		<i>to take Minutes</i>
	*Ms Clark		

OPEN BUSINESS

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Professor Efstathiou, Ms Hickman and Ms Whittier.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30. Minutes of Open Matters of 24th January 2017

The minutes of the Open Business of the meeting held on 24th January 2017 were approved subject to an amendment by the Senior Tutor. It was agreed to change the second paragraph on minute 6 as follows:

The Senior Tutor reported that the History Faculty is conducting an investigation into the impact of gender on supervision experience and academic outcomes, and she is happy to provide assistance for this project. The raw data will be anonymised.

31. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

32. Action List

Council noted the Action List and some amendments were made.

33. Time of meetings next Term

Council discussed the timings of meetings next Term. It was agreed that it was preferable to hold all the meetings at the same time, rather than alternately at 2 pm and 4.30 pm. Council agreed to hold all future meetings of the Council at 2pm. A list of agreed dates and times would be sent to members following the meeting.

34. Minutes of Council Committees:

- a. Council accepted the Minutes of the Library Committee of 17th January 2017. It was noted that the need for permanent archives is increasing, and it was agreed that this should be discussed with the Librarian when he returns from leave. In the interim, the Domus Bursar will talk to the Archivist about using temporary space in College.
- b. Council accepted the Buildings & Safety Committee Minutes of 25th January 2017.

35. Oral Reports from College Officers

There were no oral reports.

36. Dinner in Hall for the Friends of Cathedral Music

The Vice-Provost received a request from Stephen Cleobury for permission to hold a dinner in Hall on Friday, 9 March 2018, for the Friends of Cathedral Music.

Agreed:

To permit a dinner for the Friends of Cathedral Music to be held in Hall on 9 March 2018.

37. Report on Chetwynd Court

The Domus Bursar gave an update on progress towards recommending an architect to take forward the Chetwynd Court project, and asked Council to approve the expenditure of £35k.

The Domus Bursar was asked why the original architects had been removed from the short list, and he reported that the selected architects' proposals were more imaginative and that the main feature of the earlier plans, the new auditorium, has turned out not to be feasible.

Agreed:

To approve expenditure up to £35k in support of a second round of presentations in order to enable the selection of an architect for the Chetwynd Court Project.

38. Oversight of Conferences and Events in College

A paper from the Vice-Provost reported on new conferences and events organised by the Catering Department.

39. Use of Chapel on Ash Wednesday

The Dean and Chaplain proposed extending the use of the Chapel on Ash Wednesday (1st March 2017) to support the religious life of the College.

Agreed:

To allow the proposed Ash Wednesday programme to take place this year and for the Dean to report on its success in Easter term.

40. Privately funded College fees

Council is asked to agree the level of fees for privately funded undergraduate students from October 2018.

Agreed:

To set the College privately funded undergraduate fees the academic year 2018-19 at:

- (i) £7,350 for students whose course began before 2016-17;
- (ii) £7,617 for students whose course begins in 2016-17;
- (iii) £7,998 for students whose course begins in 2017-18;
- (iv) £8,718 for students whose course begins in 2018-19.

41. The Turing Lecture

The Turing Committee asked Council for permission to allow more than six NRMs, and up to twenty NRMs, to dine at High Table on the night of the lecture (28th April 2017), should they attend and would like to dine.

The Vice-Provost proposed that a maximum number of 12 NRMs (other than Fellows' guests) be allowed to dine at High Table that evening, as there is an event in the Art Centre that evening and a Congregation of the Regent House the next day, all of which might overburden the Catering department.

Agreed:

The exact number will be agreed between the Vice-Provost and the Development Director, when the former sees how many Fellows have booked in for High Table that evening.

The Vice-Provost also agreed to ask the webmaster to allow Fellows to book High Table even further in advance.

42. Geese in College

The Domus Bursar presented a paper with proposals aimed at reducing the number of geese in College, and how they might be contained to the rear of College or removed from the site. In addition to egg addling (preventing eggs hatching) he made a number of proposals for control.

He proposed a large battery operated laser mounted on the top of Gibbs', which would emit a green beam over the Back Lawn to deter the geese. Hand held lasers, operating on a similar principle, could be given to the porters to drive geese out of the Front Court. Concern was expressed about possible risks to eyesight from the mounted laser.

An acoustic box would emit the sound of a strangled goose for two to three minutes every hour. However it was felt that the noise would outweigh the benefits.

Predator decoys were suggested; these could be moved around to be used where necessary. However these were not considered appropriate as any effect that they might have was thought to be outweighed by their adverse visual impact.

A further option, shooting the geese, was not considered acceptable by the Domus Bursar for a variety of reasons.

The Domus Bursar explained that he is working with St John's and Trinity to co-ordinate an effective strategy to move the geese away from all three Colleges and not just move them on to the next College.

Agreed:

- a. That appropriate and measured responses to the geese problem be undertaken to reduce quickly the numbers of geese on the Lawns and when appropriate remove them from the Backs.
- b. To continue with the egg addling, and to approve the purchase of hand held lasers.
- c. If (b) proves ineffective the Domus Bursar will report back to Council with more information about the acoustic box.

43. Installation of iron screen in the Gate Hall

A refurbishment of the Gatehouse will commence in July 2017, with a proposal to establish a folding iron screen across the Gate Hall. Council asked for additional information in support of this proposal.

The student feedback showed that they were uncomfortable about being funnelled through the Porters' Lodge. It was agreed that the aspect of College as an open space is vitally important to College culture.

It was noted that the Adornment Committee agreed that if there is to be a gate then the proposed design was acceptable, rather than identifying the gate as aesthetically pleasing if installed.

Agreed:

Not to proceed with the installation of the gate.

44. School Cultural and Sports Centre

The First Bursar presented a paper on behalf of the Chair of the School Governors reporting that the School has met the conditions to proceed with the construction of the Cultural and Sports Centre. The paper will be considered at the next Congregation.

45. Buildings Gateway review

The Domus Bursar presented a paper asking the Council to note and endorse those projects being passed to Governing Body for approval. The “gateways” determine the progress of projects, and are controlled as determined by their threshold.

Agreed:

- b. That the Repairs and Enhancements to the cobbled area in front of College Project moves to the Investigation Phase, and
- c. That the Refurbishment of refrigeration in kitchens, Refurbishment to No 2 St Mary’s Passage and Refurbishment to the lift in Keynes Building Projects exit the Portfolio.

46. Fire alarms in Bene’t Street hostel

In view of time constraints, it was agreed that the consideration of this paper be postponed to the next Council meeting on 21st February 2017, so as to ensure it could be properly discussed.

47. Development Gifts

The Development Director presented a paper on Gifts of £10,000 and more for Council approval.

Agreed:

To approve a confidential paper listing new gifts and pledges of £10,000 and above received between 1 November 2016 and 31 January 2017.

48. Any Other Business