

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held in the Provost's Lodge
On Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 at 2 pm

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Adams	<i>Attendance:</i>	First Bursar
	Dr Adhikari		Domus Bursar
	Professor Efstathiou		
	Ms Headen		*Ms Joynt
	Professor Humphrey		* <i>Open business only</i>
	Dr Moody		
	*Ms Rude	<i>By invitation:</i>	<i>Ms James</i> <i>to take minutes</i>

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr Ainslie, Dr Barber, Dr Candea, the Senior Tutor and Ms Bevilacqua. Dr Davies is on sabbatical and Ms Georgescu was absent.

OPEN BUSINESS

129. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

130. Minutes of Open Matters of 5th March 2019

The minutes of the Open Business of Council on 5th March 2019 were approved subject to amending the vote of item 100, Master of Studies course in Entrepreneurship, as these students will become members of College for life.

131. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

132. Council Timetable and Action List

Council noted the Timetable and Action List.

133. Oral reports

There were no oral reports.

Principal Items of Business

134. Concert to Mark the Retirement of Stephen Cleobury on 28 June 2019

The Director of Development presented a paper proposing the Choir of King's College join forces with the BBC Singers and Britten Sinfonia for a valedictory public concert in Chapel.

The Development Director proposed Stephen Cleobury's retirement be marked by a celebratory concert involving the Choir, BBC Singers and Britten Sinfonia that could take the traditional 'Summer Choral Concert' slot in Concerts at King's annual series. Works performed would include Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*, Howells *Magnificat 'Collegium Regale'* and Britten *St Nicolas*. The concert would take place on Friday 28th June 2019 in Chapel from 7.30pm.

This concert was not included in the budgeted set of plans for Concerts at King's this year which already projects a loss of £23,607 for this year; but the Development Director reminded Council that the Concert's Fund has a reserve of c£95,000. In terms of projected ticket sales this particular concert event would make a loss of just less than £26,000.

The Development Director will explore the potential that this concert has as a 'fundraiser' regarding the campaign aim of raising an endowment to cover the annual costs of the Director of Music's position. The Director of Development is also looking for sponsorship in the order of £20,000 and is exploring other options. Nonetheless the concert should be underwritten by the Concerts Fund, unless a sponsor for the event is found.

Agreed:

To approve the proposal for a special concert to mark the retirement of Stephen Cleobury as Director of Music, to be held in Chapel on Friday 28 June 2019 with the Choir, the BBC Singers and the Britten Sinfonia. The concert to be used to support the College campaign but to be underwritten by the Concerts Fund.

135. Donation to Notre Dame Cathedral

The First Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to consider making a donation to support the rebuilding of Notre Dame Cathedral after the recent fire.

There are sufficient connections between College and Notre Dame, and sufficient concern about the fire for Council to consider a donation. (The Choir sang at a service in the Cathedral less than two years ago, and the Founder, King Henry VI, was crowned King of France in a ceremony in the Cathedral).

The First Bursar proposed a donation of £10,000, a significant sum which would not impoverish College.

Council members commented that whilst they understood the emotional connection to an iconic building, in this time of poverty and crisis in many parts of the world it seemed inappropriate to donate this large sum of money to the Cathedral. Furthermore, in light of the fact that 100 billion euros have already been pledged, a College donation seemed unnecessary.

It was also felt that College should be seen to be spending its money on issues central to College, and the KCSU President commented that the student body would not approve of this donation.

The Development Director mentioned the possibility of a service in honour of Notre Dame rather than a donation, as had been suggested to her by a donor and Kingsman.

Council felt unable to support the proposal at the present time.

136. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the meeting of Council on 14th May should start at 3pm in the Provost's Lodge.

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 30th April 2019 at 2pm in the Provost's Lodge.