

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At an Ordinary Congregation
held on Thursday, 18th June 2020
at 2.00 pm via Zoom.

Present

Professor Michael Proctor	Dr Tim Flack	Dr Naomi McGovern
Dr Zoe Adams	Dr Freddy Foks	Professor Cam Middleton
Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Matthew Gandy	Dr Perveez Mody
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr Ingo Gildenhard	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Mark Ainslie	Dr Chryssi Giannitsarou	Dr Basim Musallam
Dr Anna Alexandrova	Dr Caroline Goodson	Dr Julienne Obadia
Professor John Arnold	Dr Tim Griffin	Dr Rory O'Bryen
Professor Gareth Austin	Professor Mark Gross	Professor Robin Osborne
Professor William Baker	Dr Cesare Hall	Dr John Perry
Professor Mike Bate	Professor Ross Harrison	Dr Adriana Pesci
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Dr Ryan Heuser	Professor Chris Prendergast
Dr Angela Breitenbach	Ms Lorraine Headen	Dr Surabhi Ranganathan
Dr Matei Candea	Dr David Hillman	Professor Paul Ryan
Dr Keith Carne	Professor Carrie Humphrey	Dr Mark Smith
Revd Dr Stephen Cherry	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Dr Maurice Chiodo	Mr Daniel Hyde	Dr James Taylor
Dr Francesco Colucci	Professor Martin Hyland	Professor Caroline van Eck
Dr Sarah Crisp	Mr Philip Isaac	Mr James Trevithick
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Rob Wallach
Dr James Dolan	Professor Richard Jozsa	Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex
Professor John Dunn	Mr Peter Jones	Dr Tom White
Professor George Efstathiou	Professor Barry Keverne	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Professor Brad Epps	Professor James Laidlaw	
Dr Aytek Erdil	Professor Richard Lambert	<i>Junior Members</i>
Dr Sebastian Eves van Den Akker	Professor Sarah Lummis	Ms Nouri
Professor Khaled Fahmy	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Mr Crayton
Dr Elisa Faraglia	Dr Cicely Marshall	Mr Everett
Professor Iain Fenlon	Professor Nicholas Marston	
Dr John Filling	Professor Jean Michel Massing	

Apologies

Dr Tess Adkins	Dr David Good	Dr Rosanna Omitowoju
Dr Anna Alexandrova	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Professor Robin Osborne
Dr Alice Blackhurst	Dr Aline Guillermet	Professor Jason Sharman
Professor Richard Bourke	Professor John Henderson	Dr Bert Vaux
Dr Jude Browne	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Darin Weinberg
Dr Laura Davies	Dr Henning Grosse Ruse Khan	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Professor Bradley Epps	Dr Joanna Kusiak	
Dr Elisa Faraglia	Professor James Laidlaw	<i>Junior Members</i>
Professor Robert Foley	Professor Charlie Loke	Ms Adeoyo
Professor Chris Gilligan	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes	
Professor Simon Goldhill	Dr Marwa Mahmoud	

On leave

Dr David Al Attar
Dr Andreas Bender

Professor Pete de Bolla

OPEN BUSINESS

21. Declarations of Interest

None.

22. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 4th May, 2020

Approved.

23. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

24. Oral Reports

Chapel Wood - Working Party

The Provost reported that a Working Party had been established by Council to consider the future use of the woodwork removed from the Chapel. This is now in storage, where it will remain for the next year.

Update on the work of the Gold Team over the last 3 months

A summary of the work of the College's Silver and Gold teams had been circulated to Fellows.

The Senior Tutor reported on educational matters. Since the closure of the University, most students had left. About 30 undergraduates and a similar number of graduates remain. A few Research students are beginning to return as departments open. He thanked Directors of Studies for their efforts to arrange supervisions and online support. The first assessments had taken place and a second opportunity would take place between 7th and 25th September.

The First Bursar reported on the College's operation. Safety has been a key concern, with risk assessments for all returning staff. Many members of staff have been able to work from home. Those who cannot, have been furloughed and will return gradually as the need arises. We are also working closely with the University and other Colleges. Major, shared concerns at the moment are accommodation for returning students; the need to support the poorest Colleges; and planning for the future. The

Recovery Task Force is looking at four scenarios and planning how to deal with each.

Principal Business

25. Budget 2020-21

The First Bursar presented the budget on behalf of the Finance Committee and Council. The budget is based on a fairly optimistic outlook, with a gradual return to full operation. That may need adjustment during the financial year. If the situation deteriorates, we will need to make adjustments, either through increasing income or reducing costs. Council was, however, anxious not to make changes that would be damaging and difficult to reverse if they can be avoided. Council intends to consider its strategy in dealing with more extreme scenarios and what its priorities should be.

Some Fellows thought the budget was too optimistic. The pandemic could lead to an existential risk to some universities and colleges. We might need to sell assets, such as our works of art, to restore our endowment. If further, major changes are required, Council will make proposals to the Congregation.

The Finance Committee and Heads of Department were thanked for their help in preparing the budget

Congregation approved the budget for 2020-21 proposed by Council.

26. Croft Gardens – re-development project ready to proceed to Construction

The Domus Bursar presented the proposal to appoint Gilbert Ash as the main contractor for the construction at Croft Gardens. There was concern about the safety of proceeding during the pandemic but the site is isolated and contractors are accustomed to managing risks.

Congregation approved the redevelopment of the Croft Gardens site moving to the Delivery Stage (£22m total project cost).

27. Proposal to adjust the timings of King's Scheme for student research in slavery

Professor Austin, Dr Foks and Professor Osborne asked Governing Body to allow the extension of the scheme to encourage research into King's historic links with slavery through the academic year 2021/22, with the final report being due in Michaelmas 2022. Thereby in effect postponing the resumption of expenditure, and the final report, by one year.

Governing Body agreed that the scheme should be extended through the academic year 2021 / 22 with the final report due in Michaelmas 2022

Routine papers (for report only)

28. Buildings – Annual Report

The Domus Bursar presented a paper summarising the plans for major building works over the next decade 2020 - 2029.

Concern was expressed about builders increasing the risks of infection. All contractors were required to follow safety regulations. As far as possible, access would be by separate and isolated routes. The work on the bar and Keynes will be complete before most students return. It was also suggested that projects be delayed until there is greater certainty about the course of the pandemic. For existing projects that would be both expensive and leave us with unfinished work. The Buildings Committee and Congregation should, however, consider carefully whether to proceed with projects that are at the planning stage. They will report to Congregation.

The report was received.

29. Any Other Business

In view of the current challenges, it was agreed to set dates for additional Congregations in August and September. Informal meetings of the Fellowship to discuss particular matters raised by Fellows should also be arranged.

The virtual Congregation ended at 4:25pm.