

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At an Ordinary Congregation
held on Friday, 19th October 2020
at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

Present

Professor Michael Proctor
Dr Zoe Adams
Dr Ronojoy Adhikari
Dt Tess Adkins
Dr Mark Ainslie
Dr David Al-Attar
Dr Anna Alexandrova
Professor John Arnold
Professor Gareth Austin
Dr John Barber
Professor Mike Bate
Dr Alice Blackhurst
Dr Mirjana Bozic
Professor Nick Bullock
Dr Katie Campbell
Dr Matei Candea
Dr Keith Carne
Professor Richard Causton
Revd Dr Stephen Cherry
Dr Maurice Chiodo
Dr Francesco Colucci
Dr Edward Zychiocz-Coghill
Dr Sarah Crisp
Dr Laura Davies
Professor Anne Davis
Dr James Dolan
Professor John Dunn
Professor Iain Fenlon
Dr John Filling
Dr Tim Flack

Apologies

Dr Sebastian Ahnert
Professor Bradley Epps
Dr Ingo Gildenhard
Professor John Henderson
Dr Henning Grosse Ruse Khan

On leave

Professor Pete de Bolla
Dr Aytak Erdil
Professor Khaled Fahmy

Mr Freddy Foks
Professor Robert Foley
Dr Dejan Gajic
Professor Chris Gilligan
Dr David Good
Dr Caroline Goodson
Dr Tim Griffin
Professor Mark Gross
Dr Aline Guillermet
Professor Ross Harrison
Dr Kate Herrity
Dr Ryan Heuser
Ms Lorraine Headen
Dr David Hillman
Professor Herbert Huppert
Mr Daniel Hyde
Professor Martin Hyland
Mr Philip Isaac
Mr Peter Jones
Dr Jerelle Joseph
Professor Richard Jozsa
Professor Barry Keverne
Dr Philip Knox
Professor James Laidlaw
Professor Sarah Lummis
Dr Marwa Mahmoud
Dr Cicely Marshall
Professor Nicholas Marston
Professor Jean Michel Massing
Dr Fraz Mir

Professor Cam Middleton
Dr Perveez Mody
Dr Kamiar Mohaddes
Dr Basim Musallam
Dr Johannes Noller
Dr Julienne Obadia
Dr Rory O'Bryen
Dr John Perry
Dr Surabhi Ranganathan
Dr Ben Ravenhill
Professor Hamid Sabourian
Professor Jason Sharman
Dr Mark Smith
Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Dr James Taylor
Mr James Trevithick
Professor Caroline van Eck
Dr Bert Vaux
Dr Jamie Vicary
Dr Rob Wallach
Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex
Dr Tom White
Professor Nicolette Zeeman

Junior Members

Mr Crayton
Mr Everett

Dr Paul Ryan
Dr Mike Sonenscher
Professor John Young

Dr Chez Hall
Dr Darin Weinberg

Dr Elisa Faraglia
Professor Matthew Gandy
Professor Simon Goldhill

OPEN BUSINESS

54. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

55. **Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 17th July, 2020**

Approved.

56. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

None.

57. **Oral Reports**

Covid-19 Update

The First Bursar and Senior Tutor commented on actions arising from the pandemic. In particular, the College Officers are looking at the restrictions that may be required if cases increase. After some initial issues, students have reacted well and abided by the covenant aimed at protecting the community. A summary was circulated to the Governing Body.

All those in the College who had prepared so well and made such good arrangements for the return of undergraduates and for their education and continued well-being in residence were thanked.

Principal Business

58. **Delegation of Powers**

The Provost withdrew the paper on the delegation of powers so that it could be considered and discussed further. There was a need for rapid decisions to be made in current circumstances. For example, the Vice-Chancellor and Public Health England will ask Heads of House on Friday to confirm that they can take necessary decisions within a day. There were, however, different ways in which this could be managed. Until that is agreed, Statute D.2 grants powers to the Provost to act provided that it is consistent with the Statutes and Ordinances.

A number of points were raised for future discussion. We should only make decisions during the current crisis when they are essential. We might consider what sorts of emergencies might arise and how we would deal with them. A separate policy on this might be an alternative to changing Ordinances.

59. **Spalding Hostel – Update and permission to proceed to RIBA stage 2**

The Domus Bursar provided an update on progress of the Spalding Hostel refurbishment project, and sought approval to proceed to RIBA Stage 2.

A number of Fellows argued that the College should not commit to this project while the financial circumstances were so uncertain. There is no commitment to the full project at this stage but the planning that is being agreed will allow it to proceed in 2022 or whenever the Governing Body is ready to give its approval. It was therefore agreed to remove the reference to 2022 in the vote.

It was suggested that for this project and all other future student accommodation, the College and their contractors and architects take into consideration the lessons learned from COVID in terms of 'household size' and facilities for access, sanitation and social space so that our facilities are better able to cope in the event of future mass student self-isolation.

Agreed:

- (a) To accept a paper recommending further investigation into the future refurbishment of Spalding Hostel, and
- (b) To approve expenditure of £125k in support of RIBA Stage 2/K Gates Investigation Stage.

60. Buildings Gateway Review

The Domus Bursar presented a paper seeking approval for projects to progress to the next stage, following endorsement from Council and the Buildings & Safety Committee.

Agreed:

- (a) To approve the Spalding hostel refurbishment proceeding to the Investigation Stage (£125k RIBA2 costs), and
- (b) To approve the Chapel Lighting, Bodley's roof replacement and Cranmer Development proceeding to the Review Stage.

Routine papers (for report only)

61. Chapel Lighting Installation

The Domus Bursar provided an overview of the work to install the internal lighting in the Chapel between May – August 2020.

The project had reached this stage after significant planning, a number of trials, due consideration by a number of Committees, Council and Governing Body. The Governing Body agreed a vote of thanks to the College Consultant Benedict Cadbury, NRM who worked tirelessly on the project.

The Domus Bursar confirmed that the Project is now ready to move into the Review Stage of the K Gates Portfolio, where benefits will be tracked and costs finalised. A further report will be made before this project exits the Portfolio.

62. Any Other Business

None.

The virtual Congregation ended at 7:20pm.