

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held in the Wine Room
On Tuesday, 14th October 2014 at 4 pm

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost <i>Not for Item 264</i>
	Dr Adkins	<i>Attendance:</i>	First Bursar
	Dr Braybrook		Senior Tutor
	Dr Browne		Domus Bursar
	Dr Candea		Mr Allen*
	Dr Fischer		Mr Abrams*
	Dr Flack		Mr Tchernev*
	Professor Keverne		Mrs Wilson to take Minutes
	Dr Omitowoju <i>from Item 230</i>		* <i>Open business only</i>

OPEN BUSINESS

Apologies for Absence

Dr Marston is on leave.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

245. Minutes of Open Matters of 15th July 2014

The minutes of the Open Business of the meeting held on 15th July 2014 were approved and signed, with one amendment.

246. Action List and Matters Arising

- a. Beves Room: the Domus Bursar reported that an alternate solution to the refurbishment was under consideration.
- b. Some changes were requested in the completion date column, and the item on Use of the Web was to be moved to Open Business.
- b. Dr Braybrook asked whether there was a need to review the members of the Working Party on Harrassment and Bullying, as some had now left the College. This was to be brought to the next meeting of Council.

247. Items under vacation powers:

- a. Birtwistle at 80:

The First Bursar presented a paper asking Council to join with the Music Faculty in offering a guarantee against loss for the Birtwistle at 80 concerts. If agreed, this would make it possible to proceed with these concerts.

Agreed: to ratify the decision made by email under Vacation Powers that Council would offer a guarantee against loss made by the Birtwistle Event of up to £7,000.

It was further agreed that the decision on the source of funding for any necessary underwriting should be made later, if and when necessary.

b. Tutors

The Senior Tutor presented an oral report.

Agreed: to ratify the decision made by email under Vacation Powers to accept the suggestions made by the Senior Tutor for Tutors in 2014-15.

248. Minutes:

- a. Council accepted the Library Committee Minutes of 24th April 2014.
- b. Council accepted the Development Committee Minutes of 28th May 2014.
- c. Council accepted the Research Committee Minutes of 17th July and 6th October 2014.

249. Shakespeare

The Domus Bursar presented a paper on behalf of the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival Artistic Director seeking permission to stage performances in the Fellows' Garden in 2015. There was general support for this. It was at no cost to the College and was good PR.

Agreed: to approve the staging of the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival in King's College from 6th July to 22nd August 2015, subject to detailed planning with the Domus Bursar, Senior Groundsman and Head Porter.

250. Report from the Keeper of the College Collections

The Provost presented a paper on behalf of the Keeper of the College Collections, Dr Zeeman, giving an update on additions to the Collection and activities concerned with the College's artwork.

Agreed: to accept the Report from the Keeper of the College Collections.

251. CASC Room Management Update

The Domus Bursar submitted a paper giving an update on the Room Management system. CASC had been deployed to support maintenance reporting and repair, and the self booking of certain public rooms. Further work was required on the Room Management System with respect to catering. Roll-out of room allocation and management had yet to conclude.

252. Cost of Living Increase

The First Bursar presented a paper proposing that salary levels for all College employees be increased by 2%. This increase would be paid with November salaries but backdated to 1st August 2014. Mr Abrams queried whether the College would continue to supply the Living Wage figures for comparison. This would continue. In answer to a query from Professor Keverne, the First Bursar confirmed that this increase had been included in the budget for the current year.

Agreed: that general salaries for College employees should be increased by 2% from 1st August, 2014.

253. Pension Consultation

The First Bursar submitted a paper regarding the progress of the consultation between Universities UK and employers about possible changes to USS pensions. He explained that changes were necessary because the system was underfunded. A consultation process was needed between Universities UK and the USS and it was likely to be eighteen months before the final shape of the proposed new scheme would be known.

Agreed: to note the consultation by Universities UK on the proposal to change the terms of the USS pensions.

The First Bursar agreed to give an Oral Report on this matter at the next Congregation to give reassurance to the Fellows.

254. Chariots of Fire

The Domus Bursar submitted a paper requesting permission to stage part of the 2015 Chariots of Fire Charity Event through King's College. The race would take place on 20th September 2015, and would follow the same format as in recent years.

Agreed: that the organisers of the annual Chariots of Fire Charity Event be allowed to make arrangements as described in the paper to run through King's College on Sunday, 20th September 2015, subject to detailed agreement with the Domus Bursar, the Head Porter and the Senior Groundsman.

The Vice Provost reported that the 2014 King's team, comprising

Chris Townsend (graduate student)
Flora Willson (Junior Research Fellow in Music)
Philip Barrett (undergraduate student)
Kristy Guneratne (Admissions & Schools Liaison Officer)
Peter Pride (Accounts Department)
Pau Figueras (Fellow in Mathematics)

had won in the College section for the second successive year. The Council offered its congratulations to the competitors.

255. Fees

The First Bursar submitted a paper asking Council to agree the level of fees for privately funded undergraduate students from October 2015.

Agreed: to set the College privately funded undergraduate fees for the academic year 2015-16 at £6,348.

256. Tilley Prize

The Senior Tutor reported that the winner of the Tilley Prize for 2013-14 was

George Dicken

268 Dinner in Hall (originally in Reserved Business)

The Vice Provost presented a request for permission to use Hall one evening in Michaelmas Term 2015 for a dinner for the Laing O'Rourke Centre – around 150 people in total.

Agreed: to allow Hall to be used for a dinner for the Laing O'Rourke Centre for one evening in Michaelmas Term 2015.

269 Use of Hall for Examinations (originally in Reserved Business)

The Senior Tutor presented a paper requesting permission of Council to use the Hall for examinations from 8.15 am to 12.45 pm on the 13th and 14th of January 2015. It was agreed that holding the College examinations was useful to the students. The Senior Tutor hoped to continue this every year on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of Lent Term. There was some concern about how this would affect meal times, particularly this coming year when the Beves Room was unlikely to be available as an alternative venue. The Domus Bursar said that this would delay the start of the removal of asbestos from above the Fellows' area by two or three days.

Agreed: that the College use the Hall for the purpose of three hour College exams on the first Tues and Wednesday of Lent term each year. There should be a review of how this worked and affected the use of Hall for meals after the examinations.

The Senior Tutor was to speak to the Domus Bursar and Catering staff about how disruption to meal times might be managed. Mr Tchernev asked to be included in these discussions.

257. Any other business

a. College Fees

Mr Tchernev asked about the increase in College fees. The First Bursar said that the King's increase was likely to be lower than many of the Colleges and would still leave King's with some of the lowest fees. Mr Tchernev asked that there should be a specific note to alert the international students to the increase. The First Bursar agreed to do this.