KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation held on Tuesday, 15th February 2021 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 Nick Atkins Professor William Baker Professor Mike Bate Dr Alice Blackhurst Dr Mirjana Bozic Dr Angela Breitenbach Professor Jude Browne Professor Nick Bullock Dr Katie Campbell Dr Matei Candea Dr Keith Carne Revd Dr Stephen Cherry Dr Maurice Chiodo Dr Edward Zychiocz-Coghill Dr Sarah Crisp Dr Laura Davies **Professor Anne Davis** Professor Pete de Bolla

Dr James Dolan Professor John Dunn Professor George Efstathiou Professor Bradley Epps Dr S Eves-van den Akker Professor Iain Fenlon

Apologies

Dr Sebastian Ahnert Professor Gareth Austin Dr Ingo Gildenhard Professor Stephen Hugh Jones

On leave

Dr Anna Alexandrova Professor John Arnold Dr Francesco Colucci Professor Khaled Fahmy Dr John Filling Dr Tim Flack Dr Freddy Foks **Professor Robert Foley** Dr Dejan Gajic Professor Matthew Gandy Professor Chris Gilligan Dr David Goodson Professor Tim Griffin **Professor Gillian Griffiths** Professor Mark Gross Dr Henning Grosse Ruse Khan Dr Aline Guillermet Dr Chez Hall Professor Ross Harrison Dr Kate Herrity Ms Lorraine Headen Professor John Henderson Dr Felipe Hernandez Dr Myfanwy Hill Dr David Hillman **Professor Herbert Huppert** Mr Daniel Hyde Mr Philip Isaac Professor Mark Johnson Mr Peter Jones Dr Jerelle Joseph Professor Richard Jozsa Dr Aileen Kelly Professor Barry Keverne Dr Philip Knox

Professor James Laidlaw Professor Richard Lambert Professor Charlie Loke Dr Johannes Noller

Dr Elisa Faraglia Professor Simon Goldhill Dr Alice Hutchings Dr Adriana Pesci **OPEN BUSINESS** **Professor Sarah Lummis** Professor Alan Macfarlane Dr Marwa Mahmoud Dr Cicely Marshall **Professor Nicholas Marston Professor Jean Michel Massing** Dr Fraz Mir Professor Cam Middleton Dr Jonah Miller Dr Perveez Mody Professor Geoff Moggridge Dr Kamiar Mohaddes Dr Ken Moody Dr Basim Musallam Dr Julienne Obadia Dr John Perry **Professor Chris Prendergast** Dr Ben Ravenhill Professor Paul Ryan Professor Jason Sharman Dr Mark Smith Dr Sharath Srinivasan Mr James Trevithick Professor Caroline van Eck Dr Bert Vaux Dr Rob Wallach Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex Dr Tom White Professor Nicolette Zeeman

Dr Rosanna Omitowoju Dr Mike Sonenscher Professor Robin Osborne Professor John Young

Dr Surabhi Ranganathan Professor Hamid Sabourian Dr Darin Weinberg

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6 Minutes of Open Business of the Annual Congregation held on 3rd December 2020

Approved.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Oral Reports

Covid-19 Update

The Senior Tutor has given permission for students to return to Cambridge where they needed to so to continue their academic work effectively. Those here had behaved responsibly, although there were some cases of students not wearing masks when they should. There had been no cases of infection amongst those students tested in the asymptomatic programme last week. Unfortunately, rates in the City are high, though they are falling. This has led to a number of infections amongst staff and Fellows.

Principal Business

9. Preparing the Budget for 2021-222

Council had considered the budget in its first meeting this term and advised the Finance Committee. That committee duly reported to Council on its plans. Council endorsed those plans and the report is now presented to the Governing Body for information.

The Finance Committee will prepare the budget by looking at the expected income when we have returned to normal operation. That will mean that the income from visitors and conference catering, in particular, will not be achieved this year. We should then aim to set the expenditure budget to balance this income. Over the longer term, we should aim to restore the losses to the endowment by budgeting for modest surpluses.

10. Planning for Expenditure on Buildings

The First Bursar presented a paper drafted in response to questions raised at earlier Congregations about capital expenditure on buildings. The paper explains the depreciation charge and the importance of planning carefully for the maintenance and renovation of our buildings.

The depreciation charge has increased as we have spent capital. For the new buildings at Cranmer Road and eventually at Croft Gardens, the rents on new rooms will more than cover the increase in depreciation. For our existing buildings, such as Bodley's Court, that is not the case. At some point, we will want to revalue our buildings to ensure that the depreciation charge is not out of line with our expected average capital spending.

The Governing Body gave general support to the First Bursar's approach.

Routine papers (for report only)

None.

11. Any Other Business

The Cambridge Bursary Scheme may be amended to offer more generous support for students. That proposal was approved by the Governing Body last year but did not gain agreement from all Colleges. It is now being revived and Congregation confirmed that it was still supported. The cost to the College is slightly below that of the PTUBS scheme we operate currently because a small part of the cost will be met from the Harding Fund at the University.

The virtual Congregation ended at 7pm.