KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation held on Monday, 28th June, 2021 at 3.00 pm via Zoom.

Present

Professor Michael ProctorDr David GoodDr Basim MusallamDr Zoe AdamsDr Caroline GoodsonDr Julienne ObadiaDr Mark AinslieProfessor Tim GriffinDr Rosanna OmitowojuDr David Al-AttarProfessor Gillian GriffithsProfessor Robin Osborne

Professor Gareth Austin Dr Aline Guillermet Dr John Perry
Professor William Baker Professor Ross Harrison Professor Paul Ryan
Dr Mirjana Bozic Mrs Lorraine Headen Professor Jason Sharman

Professor Jude Browne Dr David Hillman Dr Mark Smith

Professor Nick Bullock Professor Carrie Humphrey Dr Sharath Srinivasan

Dr Katie Campbell Professor Herbert Huppert Professor Gareth Stedman Jones

Dr Keith Carne Dr Alice Hutchings Dr James Taylor

Revd Dr Stephen Cherry Professor Martin Hyland Professor Caroline van Eck

Dr Maurice Chiodo Mr Philip Isaac Dr Rob Wallach

Dr Francesco Colucci Dr Jerelle Joseph Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex

Dr Laura Davies Professor Richard Jozsa Dr Tom White

Professor Anne Davis Professor Barry Keverne Professor Nicolette Zeeman

Dr James Dolan Professor Alan Macfarlane

Professor John Dunn Dr Cicely Marshall Junior Members: (Open Bus. Only)

Professor Bradley Epps Professor Nicholas Marston

Dr S Eves-van den Akker

Dr John Filling

Professor Jean Michel Massing

Dr Jonah Miller

Mr A Provost

Mr N Roundy

Dr Tim Flack
Dr Perveez Mody
Mr A Mortlock
Dr Kamiar Mohaddes

Professor Robert Foley
Dr Ingo Gildenhard
Dr Kamiar Mol

Apologies

Dr Tess Adkins Professor Chris Gilligan Dr Fraz Mir

Dr Sebastian Ahnert Dr H Grosse Ruse Khan Mr James Trevithick

Dr Nick Atkins Mr Daniel Hyde Dr Bert Vaux
Dr Angela Breitenbach Professor Mark Johnson Dr Jamie Vicary

Dr Sarah Crisp Professor Richard Lambert Professor John Young

Professor George Efstathiou Professor Charlie Loke
Professor Iain Fenlon Dr Marwa Mahmoud

On leave

Professor Khaled Fahmy

Dr Anna Alexandrova Professor Simon Goldhill Dr Surabhi Ranganathan Professor John Arnold Professor Geoff Moggridge Dr Darin Weinberg

Professor Pete de Bolla Dr Adriana Pesci

OPEN BUSINESS

Congregation was silent in memory of Dr John Barber, Fellow since 1974.

46. Declarations of Interest

None.

47. Minutes of Open Business of the Congregation held on 24th May 2021

Approved.

48. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

49. Oral Reports

Covid-19 Update

Cases in Cambridge and within the College have risen rapidly, mainly from the delta-variant. This has led to concern from Public Health England and from individuals, especially around events such as graduation. We have worked with the authorities to try to make graduation safe but still memorable. Our staff have been remarkably flexible in adapting to changing needs.

There was concern about misbehaviour and poor treatment of staff. While it was agreed that this was unacceptable, there were few cases with most students behaving well and responsibly. The Lay Dean and Senior Tutor deal with those who misbehave.

The Domus Bursar reported that we had been asked to allow a drop-in vaccination centre in the Hall. This would be on 4^{th} July for students and 17-18th July for the public. He believed that this could be done safely while protecting our staff and members. Congregation supported this and encouraged the Officers to agree the details.

Principal Business

50. The Budget 2021-22

Dr Wallach, as chair of the Finance Committee presented the budget. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Assistant Bursar and First Bursar for their work preparing this and that was approved unanimously. Although the budget is approved for 2021-22 only, it is set in the context of what has happened since 2017 and what we expect until 2027. That will give us time to return to balanced budgets and, we hope, begin to restore the losses from the endowment. The aim is to ensure that the College can preserve its key functions and not to make any staff or offices redundant.

Congregation approved the budget for 2021-22 as recommended by Council.

Other Business

51. Spending Rule

The First Bursar, on behalf of the Investment Committee, presented a paper advising Congregation on the sustainable rate of spending from the endowment.

Governing Body accepted the Investment Committee's recommendations that the College, in order to maintain the real value of its endowment, spends each year from its endowment no more than 3.35% of the average value of the endowment at the end of the previous five years.

Routine papers (for report only)

52. Chapel Roof – Report from LCA

The Domus Bursar updated the Governing Body on the condition of the Chapel Roof including a recent report by the Lead Contractors Association.

The Governing Body noted the report. Further information would be obtained to allow Congregation to decide how best to proceed and to ensure that the Chapel was protected.

53. Any Other Business

None.

The virtual Congregation ended at 3.53pm.