**KING’S COLLEGE LONDON ENGINEERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the KCLEA Committee Meeting held on**

**22nd April 2021**

Because of the current restrictions the meeting was again held “on line”

**Those participating**

David Blacoe President

Chris Bowden Secretary

Keith Newton

Graham Raven Membership Secretary

John Thomson Treasurer and Webmaster

Jonny Dixon

Bobby Dixit Events Secretary

Lai Cheung

Nicholas St. Hill

Liz Beckmann

Tiarna Lee

David welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A minute’s silence was observed as a tribute to the life of Prince Philip, remembering the Royal connections with King’s College

**1)** **Apologies**

Received from Professor Shollock and Mike Clode

**2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (14th January 2021)**

These were approved.

**3) Developments within the Department of Engineering**

Prior to the meeting Barbara had provided the following update:-

In terms of the view from King’s Engineering, we are continuing to teach on line and we will carry some of these activities forward even when we are back on campus as they have been engaging for the students.  We are in the midst of new academic staff recruitment and this has been going well – I can provide updates once we have confirmed appointments.  The Quad is progressing well – photos attached in Appendix.

**4) KCLEA Events**

Thanks were expressed to Bobby for all the work that he is doing to co-ordinate things.

1. **2021 Annual Lecture**

The virtual annual lecture was viewed “live” by 69 people from 20 countries. More people viewed later on you-tube.

17 people completed a survey, the results of which will be forwarded to committee members.

**Action B.Dixit**

Whilst the quality and substance of the lecture was well regarded there was a feeling that the detail was sometimes pitched too high for an audience from many disciplines. It was also thought that the time allocated for questions was too short.

It was suggested that, once we can resume attended lectures, that we set up live streaming so

that we can reach out to people in many countries.

1. **Engineering Virtual Mentoring**

Agnes had asked Bobby to help with the event, on June 10th, which will go out on the King’s Connect platform. Bobby felt that the KCLEA should give the initiative our full support and asked that as many of us as possible should register as mentors.

**Action All**

It was suggested that the event should be put on our website in order to get a cohort of mentors.

**Action J.Thomson**

Bobby asked for comments and suggestions on the items that should be incorporated.

**Action All**

Tiarna was asked for comments. She thought that it was a good idea. Tiarna asked if Barbara could help on a couple of items:-

1. To provide an update on the number of students studying in each of the engineering disciplines
2. To provide advice, and perhaps assistance, in connecting and engaging with students in the various engineering departments.

**Action B.Shollock**

1. **Communications**

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the help and support given by Agnes. It was however felt that there were a number of communication problems. For example when one member tried to establish contact on King’s Connect, the faculty of Engineering was not recognized. Bobby agreed to raise with Agnes.

**Action B.Dixit**

The Committee gave its support to the Mentoring Event and the King’s Civic Challenge.

1. **Annual Lunch**

Due to the current situation this will not now take place in June. Agnes will advise progress on catering arrangements and it is expected that more will be known at the end of April.

**Action B.Dixit**

The format and date of the Lunch will then be reviewed but September is considered the earliest. Committee to be kept informed of developments.

**Action B.Dixit**

**5) KCLES**

Tiarna advised that Adriana had been elected as the new KCLES President for the coming academic year and then provided the following update:-

1. There have been no live events.

1. It was felt that there have been problems in getting students motivated and involved.
2. Understandably there has been much on line activity
3. A barbeque in Hyde Park is planned for the end of June. It was agreed that we would make a financial contribution. Tiarna will suggest an amount.

**Action T.Lee**

**6) Bursaries and Medals**

Medals to be engraved. We also need to follow, with Clare Cudby, as to how to get them to the awardees.

**Action D.Blacoe**

It was noted that we need to re-initiate the Bursary award process for the Michaelmas term.

Reference the minutes of the last meeting it would be appreciated if Mike could give us an update on the transfer of money from the College Bursary Fund.

**Action M.Clode**

**7) Website, Membership Communication and King’s Engineer Bulletin**

As regards the Bulletin there has not been one recently, mainly due to lack of content. It was suggested that the next one will be issued once we have dates for the Lunch and the AGM and some more positive content. It was felt that the mailing list needs to be updated. Could Graham perhaps help with this?

**Action M.Clode, G.Raven**

**8) Finances and Investment Fund.**

Prior to the meeting Mike had provided the following update:-

1. We had a Trustee Zoom session on 2nd February. This was an informal affair but I think this could become a useful thing to do prior to Committee meetings. We talked about further investments in the M&G fund but are mindful of our Corporation Tax liability. Therefore, the funds in the Nationwide should be held in reserve to meet past liability. I am still trying to find out where we stand regards Corporation Tax. Registering as a Charity was also discussed. Pros and cons need debating further.

2. M&G Annual charges reduced from 1.2% to 1.1%

3. Dividend received on 30th November 2020 = £309.69

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Also, prior to the meeting, John had circulated the Income and Expenditure account. In summary, for July 2020 to July 2021:-

1. Income £1107.27
2. Expenditure £2158.00

Our tax liability is being checked.

**Action J.Thomson, M.Clode**

The possibility of moving the NatWest current account to on line banking is being looked into in detail.

**Action J.Thomson**

**9) AOB**

None

**10) Date of next meeting.**

22nd July 2021. Hopefully this can actually be at King’s rather than on line. Chris to check out a room booking with Clare.

**Action C.Bowden**

**APPENDIX**

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