

Conclusion of Report vs Official Statement re Ball President Payment

From: AK <ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk>

To Gary Walkergary.walker@kellogg.ox.ac.uk

Date: Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 4:01 PM

Dear Gary,

Thank you for our previous correspondence in relation to the investigation into the approval procedures of financial payments at the MCR level.

The Oxford Whisperer is going to publish a follow-up article on the outcome in the near future, and any comment from your side by the end of next week would be incredibly valuable. In this respect, it would be particularly helpful if you could comment on the following questions:

(1) Was the conclusion in your report different from the one in the official statement published in September 2021? (And if so, how?)

(2) The conclusion of your report was fully redacted when it was shared with us. The FOI review said that information different from previously published information was withheld. Kellogg College's official statement was published previously to both the MCR committee and us (September 3rd/November 14th vs November 18th). Does this mean that the conclusion in your report was different from the official outcome statement by the College and thus withheld?

I attach a copy of your report and the official statement for ease of reference.

We are keen to ensure balanced and accurate coverage of the conclusion of the investigation in our follow-up article, so any comments would be greatly appreciated.

My thanks in advance.

Best wishes,
Andreas

Ask for Comment: MCR Constitution & Ball President Payment

From: AK <ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk>

To Kellogg College - Communicationscommunications@kellogg.ox.ac.uk

Date: Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 4:02 PM

Dear Kellogg College Communication,

I write on behalf of the Oxford Whisperer in relation to the investigations into the approval procedures of financial payments and reimbursements at the MCR level.

I understand that the investigations have now concluded and, therefore, the Oxford Whisperer will prepare a follow-up article to report on this development.

We should be grateful for your comments and, in particular, if you could provide comments on the following questions:

(1) Is this the current MCR constitution according to Kellogg College: <https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MCR-Constitution-2021-final.pdf>?

(2) The statement about the Ball President Reimbursement that was shared with select MCR members says that "no fraudulent conduct was found, but control weaknesses in the MCR procedures were identified".

Could you comment on the weaknesses that were identified? The report by the finance bursar that we have access to is redacted both in its conclusions and in its recommendations.

(3) Having identified the weaknesses, were any steps taken to recover the funds by the college?

In a previous statement, you stated that Kellogg College would release a statement on the outcome of the inquiry. Please could you confirm when and how the statement has been or will be released to the public and send us a copy of any statements already published?

A comment by the end of next week would be very helpful. We are keen to ensure balanced and accurate coverage of the conclusion of the investigation in our follow up article.

Thanks so much & best wishes,
Andreas Kirsch

Re: Ask for Comment: MCR Constitution & Ball President Payment

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Date: Thursday, March 17th, 2022 at 2:02 PM

Dear Andreas

The College Governing Body issued a statement on 3rd September 2021 regarding the matter, including that the College regards the matter as closed at that time. The statement was issued to the identified elected members of the MCR Committee, the representative body of the MCR, together with the signatories to a letter received by the College. No further statement is proposed.

The review advocated revisions to the MCR constitution, and that the College Finance Office work more closely with the MCR Treasurer regarding financial reporting. The revised MCR constitution is available at the link you included in your email, and the College Finance Office are working closely with the MCR Treasurer.

As you will be aware, specific member of the student body contributed to the review and it would be a breach of the College's duty under GDPR legislation to share beyond the version of the report that has already been provided.

We thank you and the readership of the Oxford Whisperer for their continued interest in Kellogg College.

Best wishes
Naomi

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