

Kellogg College Finance and Resources Committee

MCR Payment Issue

The Committee will recall that in reviewing the MCR accounts at the TT20 FRC meeting, there was a transaction to an individual student that the Committee asked the Finance Bursar to review. The Finance Bursar's report was presented to the September 2020 FRC meeting, and the FRC Chair took forward actions agreed at that FRC meeting. There was protracted dialogue thereafter as the matter ran in parallel to a number of other related and contentious student matters involving the College Dean and the Vice President.

The College issued the attached statement on 3rd September 2021 to the current MCR Committee members and to the author and co-signatories of a related letter received by the College in June 2020.

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Statement from Kellogg College on behalf of Governing Body

At the meeting of the Kellogg College Finance and Resources Committee (FRC) on 3rd June 2020 the Committee received a report on the MCR expenditure. The FRC expressed concerns at a payment made to a member of the MCR Ball committee for expenses incurred whilst organising the ball which was subsequently cancelled. This was investigated by the Finance Bursar of Kellogg College and the Chair of the Kellogg College Finance and Resources Committee. No evidence of fraudulent conduct was found, but control weaknesses in the MCR procedures were identified. Governing Body Fellows are working with current members of the MCR Committee to ensure that the MCR constitution, and MCR and college working practices and oversight are fit for purpose in the future. The Finance Bursar and the Chair of the Kellogg College Finance and Resources Committee have reported their findings to the Governing Body and this matter is now closed.

College policy states that the College is committed to fostering an inclusive culture which promotes equality, values diversity and maintains a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all students are respected. Harassment or victimisation is regarded as unacceptable behaviour and is not tolerated in any form. All members of the University are expected to treat each other fairly and with respect, courtesy and consideration. In this context we believe that the on-going claims and implications regarding this matter still being spread among the student body, both online and in person, are unhelpful and should cease.