

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith Professor B. McFarlane

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor D. Martin, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor M. Omri, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor D. Kwiatkowski

In attendance: Dr. S. Campbell, Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION**AGENDA 'B'**1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 4th December 2019 were **approved**.

2. Fellows' Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation on 9th January 2020 were received.

It was **agreed** to post a revised version of the minute on the intranet for further detail and comment on the proposed refurbishments and improvements before acceptance of the recommendations.

ACTING ESTATES BURSAR3. Research Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Professor Lübecker to invite Professor Michael Lucey (UC Berkeley) from 27th March to 19th June 2021 (the end of Hilary Term to the end of Trinity Term 2021).

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH4. Bursary update

The Acting Estates Bursar reported to Governing Body on the conclusion of the internal procedure for dealing with the reported use of discriminatory language by a member of staff towards a former student visiting the College last December.

The President noted that the College was committed to equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its activity and welcomed Governing Body's support in the implementation of its policy.

5. President's update

The President noted a recent Employment Tribunal judgment that had found against the University. The University intended to appeal.

She also reported that the preliminary hearing of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (for Professor Pitcher to seek permission to appeal the decision in his case) would be heard on 16th March. The College had also received notice from the Employment Tribunal of a new claim by Professor Pitcher for unlawful victimisation under the Equality Act.

The President reported that Professor Parker had notified her that he wished to resign as Principal Bursar not later than 30th September 2020. He had been in post since 2009 and Governing Body thanked him for his vision for the College and the experience and attention to detail he had brought to projects including the Bainton Road Nursery, the Library and Study Centre and Oxford North.

An interim review of the Bursary was planned for this term, as recommended by the 2018 Bursarial Review.

PRESIDENT

The President updated Governing Body on the enabling works for the Lodge project. These had been completed over the vacation and tenders were due by the end of January. The plan was for contractors to be appointed by mid-February with the temporary lodge in position at the beginning of March. A regular newsletter to inform residents of Front Quad and other members of College about progress was requested.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

The President thanked Fellows for a successful admissions round.