

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 19th February 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 F. A. Armstrong, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor Sir. R. Collins, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor S. Toussaert, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor S. Elston, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor R. Slater, Professor B. McFarlane

In attendance: Dr. S. Campbell, 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. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Professor Grafen could take sabbatical leave one term in advance of entitlement, during Trinity Term 2023, to enable him to accept an invitation from the Wissenschaftskollege in Berlin, who would host him for the academic year 2022/23.

The Modern Languages Faculty's request to buy out four annualised hours of Professor Murnane's College teaching for the academic years 2020/21 and 2021/22 was **agreed**, subject to satisfactory arrangements being put into place with regard to replacement teaching.

It was also **agreed** to elect a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship in association with the Social Sciences Division to fill the vacancy created since Dr Benbabaali's appointment ended on 31st December 2019.

SENIOR TUTOR

It was **agreed** that a travel award scheme for appropriate access and outreach events in College (including Study Days and Summer Schools) would be trialled for one year in the first instance.

FELLOW FOR ACCESS & OUTREACH

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Omri (Trinity Term 2021) and Professor Toussaert (Hilary Term 2021).

3. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020 were received.

4. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020 were received.

The Finance Bursar summarised the current position on taxation of, and the legal advice taken about, employer-provided accommodation. The Governing Body **agreed** to adopt the legal advice.

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The Finance Bursar would brief the Junior Research Fellows on the changes.

FINANCE BURSAR

The Vice-President (Academic) and Senior Tutor would also discuss the changes to the terms and conditions of Junior Research Fellows with Merton and Christ Church to ascertain how comparable their schemes would be with the College's in future.

VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) and SENIOR TUTOR

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Fellowships of Professor A. Grafen, Professor T. Weidberg, Professor A. Starinets and Professor K. Nation should be renewed from 1st October 2020 for a period of seven years or until retirement, whichever was sooner.

It was also **agreed** that Professor Duncan's Supernumerary Fellowship should be extended until the end of December 2020.

PRESIDENT and VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

The President thanked Fellows for their nominations for Honorary Fellowship. It was **agreed** that four candidates would be invited to accept an Honorary Fellowship from the College.

The Governing Body **elected** Professor K. J. Patel to a Supernumerary Fellowship (without membership of Governing Body), coterminous with his holding the post of Head of the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, with immediate effect.

PRESIDENT

Governing Body **agreed** two new performance-related pay schemes for the reward and recognition of non-academic staff.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

The revised By-Laws were also **agreed**.

STATUTES OFFICER

5. Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2020 were received.

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the Oxford North project and current discussions with Oxford City Council. He expected these to be concluded by May. TWO was preparing a report to inform the College's future strategy and long-term commitment to the project.

The Governing Body **agreed** [] to take the project to the end of April, with monthly commitment to be authorized by the President and Bursars by agreement of three and disagreement of none.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

The Principal Bursar also reported on the College's investments.

6. Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2020 were received.

The Principal Bursar updated on the latest schedule for the Lodge refurbishment and the next phase of the Library project.

He thanked the Works and Finance team for their co-ordination on the budget for the next financial year. The Works budget for 2020/21 was **agreed**.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

7. Research Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Dr Kantor to invite Dr Matt Gibbs (University of Winnipeg) from 2nd May to 30th June 2020.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

8. Any other business

The President noted that the University had put in place a website with regularly updated information about the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/news-and-events/coronavirus-advice>). She had set up a planning group for actions that College might need to take. She asked that Fellows note current travel advice when attending conferences and other academic activities.

The President reminded Governing Body that the Interim Bursarial Review was underway and that input from Fellows would be welcome.

She also thanked College Officers involved in promotion of the arts, noting that there had been some excellent events this term.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

9. Development and Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2020 were received.

10. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2020 were received.