

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 2.00 p.m remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, 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, Professor E. Wonnacott, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms. Z. Hancock

Apologies: Professor C. Whistler, Professor P. Maini, Professor J. Schnell, Professor L. Pratt, Professor Sir R. Collins

In attendance: Dr. S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Mrs E. Marston, Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'B'

ACTION

1. Ms. Z. Hancock, Principal Bursar, was admitted to Governing Body.
2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 17th February 2021 were **approved**.

In matters arising, the President confirmed that the previously reported matter relating to a student had been resolved.

3. President's report

The President noted the retirements of Professor Batty and Professor Armstrong. She thanked them, on behalf of Governing Body, for their long service to the College. Professor Batty had served as Tutor for Admissions, Senior Tutor and Statutes Officer and Professor Armstrong had been both Sports Officer and Fellow for Research. The President hoped that a dinner in honour of the retiring Fellows could be held when the current restrictions were lifted.

4. Elections to Honorary Fellowships

The Governing Body elected Professor Alexander Bird, Mr Khoo Boon Hui, Mr Peter Phillips and Professor Christopher Schofield FRS to Honorary Fellowships.

PRESIDENT

5. Elections to Junior Research Fellowships

The Senior Tutor reported on the elections for Junior Research Fellowships.

Laura Flannigan, Dylan Gaffney, Josef Boronski and Chao He were elected to Junior Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1st October 2021.

It was noted that Geography candidates had been interviewed by the Sciences Panel, as was customary, but that this might not be appropriate for all areas of the subject. The Senior Tutor highlighted that the report on 'Size and shape' made some overall points about the selection of Junior Research Fellows.

6. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021 were received.

The Vice-President (Academic) reported that the committee had discussed the establishment of an archive or database of photographs of Fellows', student's and events rooms to showcase tutorial life in College. She would discuss possible privacy issues with the Data Protection Officer and the Archivist.

VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

The Governing Body **agreed** the upgrade of the College's main dual firewall system [].

SENIOR IT OFFICER

7. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Dr. Hosty should be appointed to a one-year, eight-hour Stipendiary Lectureship for the academic year 2021/22.

It was also **agreed** that, because of the disruption to the work of Early Career Fellows, the period of eligibility for assistance should be increased to one year to take into account the ongoing effects of the pandemic on research activity, noting that those unable to undertake planned fieldwork during the most recent lockdown had been particularly hard hit.

It was **agreed** to appoint a two-year Stipendiary Lecturer in Biology for academic years 2021/22 and 2022/23 to cover Professor Grafen's buy-out as Chair of Examiners and his forthcoming sabbatical.

SENIOR TUTOR

The Governing Body **agreed** the payment rates for those helping during the undergraduate admissions period.

FELLOW FOR ADMISSIONS

Concerns were expressed about a potentially permanent move to remote interviews for admissions with a request for further consideration of the matter.

Sabbatical leave for Professor McFarlane was **agreed** for Michaelmas Term 2021 and Hilary Term 2022.

8. Research Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** an Early Career Grant [] for Professor Wonnacott.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

9. Fellows' housing

The President thanked the Governing Body for completing the recent survey on Fellows' housing.

There had been a very good overall response rate of 77% and the resulting information would allow an in-depth analysis of the issues by Remuneration Committee, who now planned to meet monthly. The President acknowledged that there had been concern about the timing and some of the structure of the survey.

The President also reported on the legal advice received to date on tax and employment issues; further advice was expected on retirement matters. She asked that housed Fellows continue to express their views directly to the Fellows' Housing Working Group.

10. Bursarial update

Professor Elston updated Governing Body on the discussions to date on divestment from tobacco. General Purposes Committee would consider written legal advice to underpin a decision on divestment in Trinity Term before a final recommendation to Governing Body.

The Governing Body **approved** the appointment of three non-executive directors for the TWO Board: the Principal Bursar, Strategic Projects Officer and a Fellow to be appointed by the President.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

The Finance Bursar reported on the latest developments regarding USS. Finance Committee would consider the implications of these at its next meeting.

11. Trinity Term 2021 Calendar

The Calendar was **approved** with one amendment.

12. Any other business

It was **agreed** that General Purposes Committee should review the College's freedom of speech policy at its next meeting.

PRESIDENT

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

13. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 were received.

14. Development and Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2021 were received.

15. Domestic and Establishment Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021 were received.

16. Remuneration Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2021 were received.