

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L. M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor D. Martin, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor Sir R. Collins, Dr. I. Klinke

Apologies: Professor J. C. G. Pitcher, Professor Z. Molnar, Professor P. Maini, Professor A. Wright, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Stanyek

In attendance: Dr. E. Clewlow (Academic Dean), Ms. A. Bielby (Director of Development and Alumni Relations), Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Professor Sir R. Collins, Professorial Fellow in Epidemiology and Nuffield Professor of Population Health, was admitted to Governing Body.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meetings of Governing Body held on 27th April and 11th May 2016 were **approved**.

3. Drue Heinz Professorship of American Literature

The Senior Tutor reported that Dr Lloyd Pratt had been appointed as Drue Heinz Professor of American Literature.

4. Graduate scholarships

The Academic Dean reported on the North Senior Scholarships 2016 and other graduate scholarship matters.

The Governing Body **approved** the award of North Senior Scholarships to Jan Cosgrave (DPhil Clinical Neuroscience), Sukanya Raisharma (DPhil Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Early Middle Ages) and Namratha Rao (DPhil Early Modern English Literature).

ACADEMIC DEAN

5. Music and Visual Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **approved** the purchase of a picture of the President's Garden by Alan Halliday [].

KEEPER OF THE PICTURES AND FINANCE BURSAR

6. Education Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 were received.

It was noted that a number of policies relating to the statutory Prevent duty had been discussed.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the College should bid for association with an Associate Professorship (Tutorial Fellowship) in Philosophy. It was noted that this might not be in the field of Ancient Philosophy.

It was **agreed** that, following Professor Ouaknine's resignation, the Official Fellowship in Computer Science would be refilled and that a Stipendiary Lecturer would be appointed for one year from 1st October 2016.

It was **agreed** that a six-hour Stipendiary Lecturer in Classical Archaeology would be appointed for two years from 1st October 2016.

The Senior Tutor reported that, although the College offered Classics and English as a joint subject, in practice no students had been accepted for over ten years. The Governing Body **agreed** that admissions in Classics and English should be suspended but that the situation would be reviewed in the event that future Fellows in either subject might wish to reinstate the subject and that reintroduction would be as part of the Humanities Joint School pool, the quota for which would not change.

It was also **agreed** that Dr Cappellaro's Research Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences should be extended to the end of January 2017 at the rate of 50% of full-time.

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Compton for the academic year 2017/18.

It was further **agreed** that Ms Jörres would be reappointed as Lektorin in German for a third and final year from 1st October 2016.

SENIOR TUTOR

7. Entertainment Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by circulation of email) on 4th May 2016 were received.

It was noted that the meetings of Governing Body in 0th Week of Hilary and Trinity Term would start at 2.00 p.m.

8. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2016 were received.

It was noted that a number of policies relating to the statutory Prevent duty had been discussed.

The Governing Body **agreed** that, subject to the approval of the Keeper of St Giles House, two new extendable tables and two corresponding storage cabinets would be purchased [].

DOMESTIC BURSAR

9. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2016 were received.

It was noted that a number of policies relating to the statutory Prevent duty had been discussed. The Governing Body **agreed** that each policy should be reviewed annually by the relevant committee during Hilary Term and that all policies would then be considered as a whole by General Purposes Committee at its 3rd Week meeting in Trinity Term.

The Governing Body **elected** Professor Ouaknine to an Emeritus Fellowship from 1st August 2016.

It was **agreed** that the Fellowships of Professor Davies and Professor Hayes should be renewed from 1st October 2016 for a period of seven years or until retirement, whichever was

sooner. It was also **agreed** that the Emeritus Research Fellowship of Professor Bush should be renewed from 1st October 2016 for a second period of three years.

The Governing Body **agreed** to recommend to Remuneration Committee that the housing allowance for Supernumerary Teaching Fellows should continue on par with Junior Research Fellows [] and that the allowance for Official Fellows should be increased [] to retain the existing relative differential.

It was **agreed** that Ms P. Aamli, Ms E. Bell, Mr D. Ryan and Professor Sir J. Tooke should be elected to serve on Remuneration Committee from 2016, with variable terms of office so that their retirements might be staggered.

It was further **agreed** that the Music and Visual Arts Committee should be renamed the Committee for the Promotion of the Arts with a new remit.

PRESIDENT

The Acting Principal Bursar reported that an appeal against the EJRA panel's recommendation, approved by the Governing Body on 20th April 2016, had been received []. He reminded the meeting of the next steps to be taken in accordance with By-Law XLI and offered the names of four barristers who might be appointed to hear the appeal.

The Governing Body **agreed** that [] should be approached to act and, in the event of being unavailable, the President, Vice President and Acting Principal Bursar were empowered to appoint an alternative from the other three barristers.

ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR

10. Health & Safety Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2016 were received.

11. Development & Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Mr D. Slifkin should be invited to be a member of the Development Board.

12. Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to authorise the President and Bursars to proceed with the scheme for development of 109 Walton Street [] and the renovation of Belsyre Court [] after tenders had been received with the agreement of three and the disagreement of none.

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It was also **agreed** to authorise the President and Bursars to proceed with the scheme for the development of 49–51 St Giles [], subject to the agreement of three and the disagreement of none.

The Governing Body further **agreed** to authorise the Directors of Thomas White Properties to pay [] to change the overage held by the tenants at Hayfield Farm, Milton Keynes [] and to transfer land [].

PRESIDENT, ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR AND FINANCE BURSAR

13. Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that [] should be allocated to Thomas White Oxford [] in exchange for a further issue of shares.

It was **agreed** to authorise the Acting Principal Bursar to pass a special resolution on behalf of the College to reduce the issued share capital of the Lamb and Flag Oxford Ltd [].

The Finance Bursar explained the College budgets for the year for 1st August 2016–31st July 2017, noting that the draw on the endowment was consistent with recent years. The budgets were **approved**.

Following changes in the limits on the maximum value of pension benefits which could be taken free of tax (with the Lifetime Allowance being reduced from £1.25m to £1m since 1st April 2016), the Finance Bursar briefed Governing Body on the University's scheme whereby a USS member opting out for tax reasons might apply to receive an additional cash supplement of 12% salary (on which normal taxes would be levied). It was **agreed** that College would adopt the same policy as the University.

Expenditure on a nearly new Ford Transit van for the Domestic Department [] for storage in the Barn was also **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that the College should take a further equity stake [] in Thomas White Properties to fund further investment in Hayfield Farm, Milton Keynes.

ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR AND FINANCE BURSAR

14. Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by circulation of email) on 16th May 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that two Tutorial Fellows [] be required, for the better performance of their duties, to live in a designated College property [], under the terms and conditions of the Hart-Synnot scheme.

ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR

15. Any other business

The President noted that, as it was three years since the last one, a photo of Governing Body would be arranged to be taken during 9th Week.

The Senior Tutor reported that he wished to use OxCORT to help with decision-making on teaching requirements. He would contact Fellows who were not currently using the system.