

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 2.15 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor S. Elston, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L. M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska

Apologies: Professor D. Martin, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor K. Southwood, Professor B. Murnane

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 17th February 2016 were **approved**.

2. Library and Study Centre

The Principal Bursar thanked the members of Governing Body who had joined him for a visit to Magdalen College's new library. He reported that the remaining two tenders for the new Library and Study Centre had been reviewed and were both recommended as compliant with the tender and financially valid.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the tender from Stepnell [] should be accepted, subject to a successful contract negotiation.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR3. Election of Nuffield Professor of Population Health

Professor Sir Rory Collins, Nuffield Professor of Population Health from 1st April 2016, was elected to a Professorial Fellowship of St John's College with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st April 2016.

PRESIDENT4. Official Fellowship in Human Geography

Dr. Ian Klinke was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Human Geography, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st April 2016.

PRESIDENT5. Junior Research Fellowship Elections

Dr. Hannah Alfonsa, Mr. Ilya Chevyrev, Ms. Sarah Hickmott and Dr. Jennifer Johnson were elected to Junior Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1st October 2016.

The Senior Tutor noted the comments of the English Fellows and suggested that they might consider an overall ranking for candidates in English rather than three different rankings by time period.

SENIOR TUTOR and PRESIDENT

6. Visiting Scholars

The Senior Tutor noted the strong field of applications for Visiting Scholarships.

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer Visiting Scholarships during the Long Vacation 2016 to:

- a) Martin Cloonan, Professor of Popular Music Politics, University of Glasgow;
- b) Carly Crouch, Associate Professor in Hebrew Bible, Nottingham University;
- c) Avraham Faust, Professor, Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology, Bar-Ilan University;
- d) Laura Rattray, Reader in American Literature, University of Glasgow;
- e) Mark Toogood, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, University of Central Lancashire;
- f) Larissa Tracy, Associate Professor in Medieval English Literature, Longwood University;
- g) Eric Weiskott, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Boston College.

SENIOR TUTOR

7. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** a Library Domus Grant of £75k for 2016/17. The Fellow Librarian encouraged Fellows to discuss the purchasing policy for their subjects with the Librarian.

It was also **agreed** that the Research Allowance should be renamed 'Teaching and Research Expenses'.

FINANCE BURSAR

8. Research Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2016 were received.

The Fellow for Research reported on the two outline proposals received for the Thematic Research Programme. Proposal A was fully endorsed by all referees and the applicants would be invited to submit a full proposal.

The Governing Body **agreed**:

- a) a Medium-Size Grant [] to Professor Burt de Perera for a project on 'Distance estimation in fishing using optic flow';
- b) a Visiting Researcher Grant to Dr Robert Saunders, Queen Mary, University of London [] to cover travel expenses, accommodation and dining rights in accordance with the scheme;
- c) a Small Grant [] to Professor Olszewska for a workshop in July 2016 on 'Being outside Afghanistan';
- d) a Small Grant [] to Professor Nation for research assistance.

9. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to contribute [] to the [] cost of Professor Martin completing a PhD by Published Work at the University of the Arts, London.

The Governing Body also **agreed** to support two Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowships, one in Social Sciences and one in Humanities, for three years with effect from 1st October 2016. It was noted that not all social scientists sit within the Social Sciences Division (experimental psychologists, for example); this would be discussed with the Division. Education Policy Committee would further consider the status of such Fellowships within College and whether this scheme should replace existing arrangements.

It was **agreed** that the current subsidy for subject dinners should be increased [] per Junior Member (i.e. both undergraduate and postgraduate) from 1st October 2016.

It was also **agreed** to recommend to Remuneration Committee that the Junior Research Fellow housing allowance should be increased [] from 1st October 2016.

It was further **agreed** that the Junior Research Fellowships of Dr Esher, Dr Rushworth and Dr Woolley be renewed for a further and final period of one year from 1st October 2016.

The Senior Tutor noted that it had been agreed at the previous meeting of Governing Body that an appointment to a Stipendiary Lectureship in Philosophy should be made for one year from 1st October 2016; to allow for greater continuity in teaching it was now **agreed** that the post would be advertised as a two-year appointment.

It was also noted that the plan to ensure that OxCORT was an accurate and full record of teaching hours might not work for all subjects since, for example, the system did not allow all inter-collegiate classes to be recorded.

SENIOR TUTOR

10. Thames Valley Archaeological Services

The Acting Principal Bursar reported that Thames Valley Archaeological Services (TVAS) had requested the transfer of ownership to them of the material found during the building of Kendrew Quad. The College Archivist had been consulted.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the material could be transferred, provided that the College would be given first refusal to take the finds back, should TVAS no longer require them, and on the basis that members of College might access the material.

ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR

11. Professor Ruth Harris

The President reported that Professor Harris, Honorary Fellow, had been elected to a Senior Research Fellowship at All Souls College.

12. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 18th February 2016 were received.