

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

## MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor J. C. G. Pitcher, 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 P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L. M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska

Apologies: Professor S. Elston, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor G. Gottlob, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Ms. A. Bielby (Director of Development and Alumni Relations)

In attendance: Dr. E Clewlow (Academic Dean), Ms. D. Cripps  
Mr W. Donger (for Item 3)

**ACTION****AGENDA 'B'**

It was noted that Professor L. McDowell had been awarded a CBE for services to Geography and higher education in the New Year Honours List 2016.

Robert Devereux (1975; Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions) had also been made Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (for services to Transport and welfare and for voluntary service in Kilburn, London) and Dr Michael Jacobs (1982; Clinical Lead in Infectious Diseases, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust) had been awarded a Knighthood (for services to the Prevention and Treatment of Infectious Diseases).

The President and the Governing Body congratulated them on these achievements.

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 were **approved**.

The President noted that Professor Bouman would become one of the Directors of the Lamb and Flag.

2. Hilary Term Calendar

The draft Calendar was **approved**, subject to one amendment. It was noted that a meeting of Statutes Committee was also planned for this term.

3. Northern Gateway

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the Northern Gateway project and outlined the structure and obligations of the two subsidiary companies set up with the College as sole shareholder, Thomas White Oxford Ltd and Peartree Oxford Ltd.

The Governing Body **agreed** to confirm the appointments of Mr William Donger and Mr Marcus McKay as Directors of Thomas White Oxford Ltd and Peartree Oxford Ltd for a period of up to twelve months. It was also **agreed** that there would be no disposal of the assets of the two companies without the approval of the shareholder.

Mr. Donger reported on the Northern Gateway project and the next stages in the planning of the site. He contextualised the potential for creative development of the site through comparison with the Oxford Science Park and the North West Cambridge site and encouraged Fellows to discuss ideas and options. The President noted the University's desire for more graduate (and part-time) places.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR and ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

4. Fellows Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** expenditure [] for building work and kitchen refurbishment [].

**ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

5. Music & Visual Arts Committee

The minutes of the additional meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 were received.

The President highlighted that the Committee was considering how to take forward music within the College and noted that Professor Stanyek would welcome suggestions.

The future composition and timing of the Committee would also be considered by General Purposes Committee.

**PROFESSOR STANYEK and PRESIDENT**

6. College Nursery

The Acting Principal Bursar reported that 'Bainton Road Nursery Ltd' had been registered for the College and that proposals for the management and association of the nursery would be presented to Governing Body at its meeting in 5<sup>th</sup> Week.

**ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

7. College Bar

The Acting Principal Bursar reported that the College Bar would reopen on Tuesday 19 January. A free glass of wine or soft drink would be offered between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. on that day to encourage College members to meet the new Bar Manager and Bar Assistant and Governing Body members were encouraged to attend.

**GOVERNING BODY**

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

8. Research Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** the following small grants:

- a grant [] to Dr S. Krishnan for a workshop in February 2016 on 'Urban emotions: responses to the South Asian city 1850–1950';
- a grant [] to Dr C. Whistler for a workshop in June or July 2016 on 'The intelligent hand: the persuasive language of drawing'.

9. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were received.