

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor J. C. G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L. M. McDowell, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor D. Martin, Professor R.M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor H. Skoda, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray

Apologies: Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 11th November 2015 were **approved**.

The President encouraged members of Governing Body to contact her about taking on a role as one of the Directors of the Lamb & Flag.

2. Developer for new website

The IT Fellow briefed Governing Body on the selection process for a developer of the new College website. Six companies had responded to the tender invitation and four had been selected to attend for interview. The selection panel had been unanimous in ranking Torchbox as its preferred developer.

The Governing Body **agreed** to employ Torchbox to redesign and redevelop the College website [].

IT FELLOW3. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2015 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** a removal grant [] for Revd. Marion Williams, newly appointed at Cranham.

It was also **agreed** to award Fergus Butler-Gallie (2010) a grant [] for the purchase of academic texts.

FINANCE BURSAR4. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that an appointment to a Stipendiary Lectureship in Engineering should be made for one year from 1st October 2016.

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Mr J. C. Smith in Trinity and Michaelmas Terms 2016.

SENIOR TUTOR

5. Music & Visual Arts

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Ruth Bubb should be commissioned to carry out conservation work on the sixteenth-century portrait by Cornelis de Zeeu [].

It was also **agreed** that Professor Stanyek would consult the Senior Tutor and Academic Dean about the appointment of the next Kendrew Music Assistant.

PROFESSOR STANYEK, SENIOR TUTOR and ACADEMIC DEAN

6. Entertainment Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2015 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Domestic Bursar should review the numbers dining on Mondays and Wednesdays and raise the issue at Domestic Committee in Hilary Term with a view to experimenting with a new format in Trinity Term.

DOMESTIC BURSAR

7. Fellows Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by circulation of email) on 25th November 2015 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** on the geographic boundary for part-purchase properties [].

ACTING PRINCIPAL BURSAR

8. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 12th November 2015 were received.

The President briefed Governing Body on two Binding Votes due at the meeting of Conference on 8th December 2015 for a) the Conference Accounts (2014–15) and budget (2015–16); and b) the financial support arrangements for Home and EU undergraduate students for 2016–17.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the College should vote against the proposed financial support arrangements for 2016–17.

PRESIDENT

9. St John's College Staff Pension Scheme

The Finance Bursar briefed Governing Body that the formal consultation on the potential changes to the Staff Pension Scheme had started on 1st December 2015 with the circulation of an information pack and briefings in the Auditorium.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

10. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2015 were received.

11 . Research Committee

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

- a grant [] to Professor Stanyek for a conference in May 2016 on ‘Global Brazil’ to be held in conjunction with the Humanitas Professorship of Classical Music and Music Education;
- a grant [] to Dr S. Bishop for a research project to advance the understanding of decision-making disrupted in Major Depressive Disorder.