

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

**Present:** The President, Professor J. C. G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor J. Ouaknine, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor R.M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor C. Jeffrey, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Dr. J. Anderson, Ms. E. Tanner (MCR President), Ms. C. St. Clair (JCR President)

**Apologies:** Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor L. M. McDowell, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Mr. A. Payne (MCR Vice-President), Ms. B. McCullagh (JCR Vice-President), Mr. D. Waldman (JCR Secretary)

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were **approved**.

2. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were received.

The Graduate Leadership Programme had been very successful and would be offered again in Hilary Term 2016. The Governing Body **agreed** a budget [ ] to cover the cost of travel and accommodation for speakers and a dinner for participants and trainers.

**MCR COMMITTEE**

The Equality Officer noted the College's revised Harassment policy and procedure.

The Governing Body also **agreed**, after a vote, that for a trial period during Michaelmas Term 2015 and Hilary Term 2016, one women-only hour per week should be introduced in each College gym, with those hours being arranged on different days so that men would have access to gym facilities throughout the week.

3. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 were received.

4. Education Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were received.

The Senior Tutor noted that the JCR had withdrawn the *Tutorial Feedback: Thematic Report*. The JCR President reported that a smaller-scale report would be tabled at the meeting of the Committee in Michaelmas Term 2015.

The timetable for Undergraduate Freshers' Week 2015 was **agreed** with an amendment to the wording regarding sexual consent workshops that 'The College endorses the JCR's wish that attendance at the workshops be seen as compulsory'.

## SENIOR TUTOR

### 5. Joint Council

The Senior Dean briefed Governing Body on Joint Council and its origins as a forum in which Junior Members could raise issues with a range of College Officers and staff. The Council had not met for the last two academic years and Junior Members were now well represented on College committees. The Senior Dean had consulted the JCR and MCR Presidents and they agreed that Joint Council should be abolished.

### 6. Rents and Charges

The Principal Bursar reported on the discussions between representatives of the JCR, MCR and SCR on rents and charges for the 2015/16 academic year. Against a background of a renewed contraction in public spending, the Committee recommended increases of 1.9% in rents and 1.9% in food charges.

It also recommended an increase of 1.9% in financial support for Junior Members in the form of the Academic Grant and that students who were studying abroad should be eligible to apply for a travel grant during their year abroad on the same basis as students resident in Oxford. These recommendations were **agreed** by Governing Body.

It was also **agreed** that:

- i. the JCR grant should be increased [];
- ii. the MCR grant should be increased [];
- iii. the MCR and JCR should present a mid-year review to the Finance Bursar in Hilary Term 2016 to report on how the extra funds were being used.

It was further **agreed** that Vacation Grants should be increased to £17.09 per day. A separate proposal to increase the vacation residence grant by fourteen days for each 4<sup>th</sup> Year Chemist and by seven days for each 4<sup>th</sup> Year Biochemist would be considered by Educational Policy Committee in Michaelmas Term.

The MCR had raised concerns about the availability of rooms and the Committee had noted that thirteen more accommodation units would be available in 2015/16. The Domestic and Conference Manager would review the timing of graduate allocations.

The Principal Bursar noted the Committee's thanks for the detailed and focused information provided by the JCR and MCR.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**