

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Friday 11th July 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. Davies, Professor J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor W. Mattli, Professor L. M. McDowell, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor R.M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor C. Jeffrey, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor C. Whistler, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor P. K. Maini, Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Professor K. Southwood

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 24th June 2014 were **approved**.

In matters arising, the President reported on the replacement of the men's first boat, noting that Governing Body had required more information. The Principal Bursar detailed College's year-on-year expenses for sport including staff costs, noting that (without the purchase of a new boat) expenditure in 2014 would be very similar to 2013. The Governing Body **agreed** that the purchase of the new boat should proceed and that the Sports Officer should be fully involved in all funding decisions about sport.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR2. 49–51 St Giles' development

The Principal Bursar reported to Governing Body on the estimated costs [] for development of the site. As the costs were substantially higher than the commercial value of the existing properties [], it was **agreed** not to proceed with the plan and to reconsider the College's options through discussions in future Research and Estates Committee meetings.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR3. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2014 were received.

4. Health and Safety Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2014 were received.

5. General Purposes Committee

Dr. Snicker withdrew from the meeting.

As part of this discussion was confidential and legally privileged, it was **agreed** that a separate minute for that section of the meeting would be prepared.

The President reported on the background to discussions about the future role of the Fellow for Alumni in the context of the merger of the Development and Alumni Relations Offices. This had been further discussed at an additional meeting of General Purposes Committee on 4th July 2014, and subsequently with the Senior Tutor and Professor Pitcher.

After discussion of the issues, the President proposed that:

- i. Professor Pitcher's current role be recast as Fellow for Alumni and Development Relations (final nomenclature to be decided), initially for two years to 31 August 2016;
- ii. after August 2016 the role could be renewed for a further two years and then for a further (and final) two years, subject (for each two-year period) both to the University Panel's approval of Professor Pitcher's request to work beyond the EJRA and also to the College's own EJRA procedure (as detailed in the By-Laws) and the satisfactory evaluation of his performance in the role;
- iii. this would require teaching remission for 2014/15 (at an appropriate level, for discussion with the Senior Tutor);
- iv. the appointment of a Supernumerary Teaching Fellow from 1 October 2015 should be referred to Educational Policy Committee; and
- v. the nature of the Fellowship held after the first two years of the new role would be agreed after further discussion.

After a vote Governing Body **approved** this proposal, with 19 votes in support, 10 votes against, and 1 abstention.

PRESIDENT

The President reported that the additional meeting of General Purposes Committee on 4th July had considered the draft job descriptions for the roles of Academic Dean and Senior Tutor under the proposed model for the organisation of the College's academic policy. These would be revised and presented to the Governing Body meeting on 15th October 2014 together with supporting papers.

The Fellow for Research updated Governing Body on progress on three new schemes for awards from the Research Centre. It was noted that the scheme for visiting researchers aimed to provide a sufficiently flexible scheme to suit projects of all kinds, both in the Humanities, Social and other Sciences.

The Governing Body **agreed** to appoint Dr. Simon Bradley as a member of the Senior Common Room for four years from 1 October 2014 with rights to lunch and dinner once a week and, if possible, limited access to some desk space.

6. Remuneration Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2014 were received. The Governing Body **agreed** that the Data Protection Officer should be offered a Stipend similar to that of the Safety Officer. It was also **agreed** that the relevant By-Law should be amended to allow members of the Committee to be invited back after an absence of three years, for final approval at the Stated General meeting of Governing Body at the start of Michaelmas Term 2014.

7. College Nursery Working Group

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2014 and a summary of fee quotes for external consultants were received. The Governing Body **agreed** that fees [] could be incurred to move the project forwards.

8. Garden Report

The Annual Report of the Keeper of the Groves was received.

9. Conference of Colleges

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2014 were received.

At the end of the meeting the President offered her thanks for the Governing Body's support over the past term and particularly thanked the College Officers who had come to the end of their periods of office.