

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 24th June 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor J. A. Kay, 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. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor L. M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor R.M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor C. Jeffrey, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Dr. P. Fifield, Ms. M Lambrakis (MCR President), Mr. R. Haines (MCR Vice-President), Mr A. Lennon (JCR President)

Apologies: Professor D. R. Stirzaker, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor A. Russell, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Mr. E. Rarity (JCR Vice-President), Mr. H. Palmer (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 28th May 2014 were **approved**.

2. Rents and Charges

The Principal Bursar reported on the discussions between representatives of the JCR, MCR and SCR on rents and charges for the 2014/15 academic year. Against a background of increases in costs of around 3.78% over 2012/13 levels, the Committee recommended increases of 3% in rents, 3.5% in food charges and 3% in the fixed charge for junior members. The Committee noted the detailed and well-argued information provided by the JCR and MCR about the overall effect of funding changes on the financial position of graduates and undergraduates. It therefore recommended an increase of 3% in financial support for junior members in the form of the Academic Grant. These recommendations were **agreed** by Governing Body.

It was also **agreed** that:

- i. the 'capitation payments' made to the JCR and MCR to support the general administration of the Common Rooms should be renamed as the 'JCR grant' and 'MCR grant' respectively;

- ii. the MCR grant should be increased by 20% from the previous year's baseline as a one-off adjustment; and
- iii. both grants should be increased by 3.5%.

It was further **agreed** that Vacation Grants should be increased to £16.29 per day. A separate proposal to increase the vacation residence grant by seven days for 3rd and 4th years sitting examinations would be considered by Educational Policy Committee in Michaelmas Term.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2014 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that a workshop on race-related issues should be arranged in Michaelmas Term to raise awareness amongst senior members of the College around issues of race and ethnicity. It was noted that the Conference of Colleges would also be looking at these issues over the next academic year and proposed that consideration should be given to including responsibility for race equality and diversity in the Academic Dean role.

4. Academic Services Committee

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

It was requested that Education Policy Committee might consider if the conditions that meant part of College was restricted still pertained with regards to the Kendrew Law Library, given the shortage of otherwise available study space in College.

The Principal Bursar updated the Governing Body on the development of the new Study Centre, noting that after the discussion meeting with the architect, a 3D model and cross-section of the plans was being prepared for Governing Body in Michaelmas Term.

5. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2014 were received.

6. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2014 were received.

7. Ball Steering Committee

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th and 18th June 2014 were received.