

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

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

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 28th May 2014 were **approved**.

In matters arising, the Senior Tutor reported that Mr. Tyler Goodspeed's election to a Junior Research Fellowship in Economics (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1st October 2014 had been agreed by circulation of the Governing Body and a visa application was now proceeding.

Dr. Snicker made a verbal statement to Governing Body relating to the proposed merger of the Development and Alumni Relations offices and then withdrew.

[]

2. General Purposes Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** that a Standing Committee of General Purposes Committee be set up to act on behalf of the College in circumstances where it was necessary to deal on an urgent basis with a significant reputational risk, comprising the main College Officers, the Fellow for Alumni and the Equality Officer

PRESIDENT

The Governing Body also **agreed** that:

- i. the Fellowships of Professor K. Nation, Professor C. Jeffrey and Professor M. Cannon would be renewed from 1st October 2014 for a period of seven years; and
- ii. the Emeritus Research Fellowship of Revd. Dr. E. D. H. Carmichael would be renewed for a period of three years from 1st October 2014.

PRESIDENT

Following Dr C. A. Larrington's election as an Official Fellow, Governing Body **agreed** that her seniority should be determined from the date when she effectively started teaching as a Supernumerary Fellow with a full tutorial teaching load (which was in 2004).

PRESIDENT

The Governing Body **agreed** the list of College Officers and Committee membership for 2014/15. The President noted her thanks to the current College Officers and welcomed the new office-holders.

The President reported that the Academic Administrator would attend Governing Body on 11th July 2014 to update Fellows on developments in the administrative structure and practices of the College Office. Draft job descriptions to support the academic model favoured by Governing Body (a Senior Tutor, Academic Dean and Academic Administrator) had been prepared and the Academic Administrator was being consulted for her input. These would be presented to Governing Body in due course.

PRESIDENT and SENIOR TUTOR

The Governing Body **agreed** that, in order to facilitate decision-making, Committee recommendations would be included in the body of the agenda for the Governing Body meeting on 11th July 2014 and papers would be circulated by encrypted e-mail.

PRESIDENT and IT FELLOW

The President noted that since four Honorary Fellows had been elected in 2013 and not all Committee members had been in attendance to advise, it had been decided not to propose any new Honorary Fellows this year. She confirmed that distinction remained the key criterion for election, but that the types of expertise required by the College for a number of Committees, including Remuneration Committee and the proposed Development Board, would also be taken into consideration, as would gender and diversity.

3. Northern Gateway

The Governing Body received an update report from Mr. W. A. Donger on the Northern Gateway proposal. He highlighted the Infrastructure Planning Application for a grant from the Departments of Transport and BIS and the planned Public Consultation on the Northern Gateway Area Action Plan. The Governing Body **agreed** the proposed plan to oversee and protect the College's interest, together with the expenditure required to support the Infrastructure Planning Application [].

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

4. Academic Services Committee

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

5. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** that the College would support [] an alumnus of the College, who had been awarded a one-year Fellowship by the Scholar Rescue Fund, by offering him housing and limited dining rights (one dinner a week for him and his wife, while the kitchens are open) for one year, dates to be determined.

PRESIDENT and SENIOR TUTOR

The Governing Body **agreed** that the College would host Dr. Christoph Schmitt-Maass as a Feodor Lynen Research Fellow for up to twelve months, if his application was successful, offering full dining rights but no accommodation or room.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Dr. Woolley, Junior Research Fellow in Mathematics, should be permitted to accept a part-time temporary position at the Science Museum in London, for one day a week for the next two years, to assist in transforming their mathematical displays in support of the public understanding of Mathematics. His Junior Research Fellowship would be extended by the equivalent period.

Since the appointment of a Stipendiary Teaching Fellowship in Geography would commence in January 2015, it was also **agreed** that the appointment should be for three years and two terms of teaching, with one year's sabbatical entitlement.

SENIOR TUTOR

6. Fellows Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2014 were received.

The Governing Body **considered** two legal opinions on the College's housing schemes and **agreed** the College's response.

It was **agreed** that the work on the conversion and extension of [] should proceed.

It was also **agreed** that a five-year rule be instigated, whereby an Official Fellow already allocated a property in the past five years under the Hart-Synnot scheme might indicate an interest in a different property but would be placed in priority below those who had not been allocated a property in the past five years.

Governing Body further **agreed** that [] should come back into the College's housing scheme and that the composition of the Committee should be reviewed in the light of Dr. Larrington's election to an Official Fellowship.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

7. Statutes Committee

After approving two minor amendments, the Governing Body **agreed** that By-Laws XV-XXV should be removed and replaced with the attached new By-Laws XV-XXV (see Appendix One).

STATUTES OFFICER

8. Chapel and Patronage Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** that:

- i. a removal grant [] should be made to [] the Bridge Benefice from the Winterslow Trust;
- ii. a removal grant [] should be made to [] the Northmoor and Yelford livings from the Winterslow Trust; and
- iii. a grant [] should be made to contribute to expenses incurred in the Cheam living's 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of St Dunstan's.

9. Health and Safety Committee

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

10. Replacement boat for Men's Eight

After discussion of the proposal to replace the Men's first boat, it was **agreed** that liaison between the Sports Officer and the Senior Member of the Boat Club was required and a fuller rationale for the replacement cycle before agreeing the proposal. It was also noted that a new Senior Member of the Boat Club would be required and that consideration should be given as to how this role related to the Sports Officer.

PRESIDENT, PRINCIPAL BURSAR and SPORTS OFFICER