

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Dr. J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S.J. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor W. Mattli, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor P. K. Maini, Dr. C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Professor C. Jeffrey, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S Omri, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Dr. G. Kantor, Dr. B. Murnane, Dr. J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray

Apologies: Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor L. M. McDowell, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. A. Russell, Dr. R. Ekins, Dr. J. Obloj, Dr. K. Southwood

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 19th February 2014 were approved and signed.

2. Election to a Supernumerary Teaching Fellowship in Mathematics

Mr. David Seifert was appointed to a five-year fixed-term Supernumerary Teaching Fellowship (without membership of Governing Body) in Mathematics from 1st October 2014.

3. Junior Research Fellowship Elections

Ms. Lisa Eberle, Mr. Tyler Goodspeed, Dr. Stephan Uphoff and Mr. Thomas Harty were elected to Junior Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1st October 2014.

4. Consultation on possible revision to Statute XII

Governing Body noted the University's consultation on possible revisions to Statute XII governing major aspects of the employment of all academic, research, administrative and professional staff in academic and academic-related grades (generally grade 6 and upwards). The Steering Committee of the Conference of Colleges had decided not to commission a collective response and Governing Body **agreed** to refer the consultation to Statutes Committee for consideration of any implications for the College.

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5. Fellows' Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February January 2014 were received. The Governing Body **agreed** that

- a) [] be required to live at [] for the better performance of [] duties; and
- b) planning permission should be sought for improvements to the property.

6. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 were received. The Governing Body noted the effective collaboration of the Main Kitchen and SCR Kitchen for major College dinners.

7. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 were received. The Governing Body **approved** the recommendation for a Library Domus Grant of £75,000 for 2014/15. It was also **agreed** that the Oxford Conservation Consortium should become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and that the College would become a Trustee.

The Principal Bursar in addition presented the initial budget estimate for the proposed work on the Library and new Study Centre.

8. Music and Visual Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2014 were received. The Governing Body **approved** the Committee's recommendation for the allocation of the Kendrew Fund budget so as to offer a greater diversity of musical activities that would encourage the interest of junior members of College.

9. Education Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2014 were received. The Governing Body **agreed** to advertise for a Supernumerary Teaching Fellowship in Law from 1st October 2014. It also **approved** Dr. Ekins' sabbatical leave during Hilary Term 2015 and **agreed** that the College should offer a Reach Oxford Scholarship from Michaelmas Term 2014.

The Senior Tutor reminded Governing Body that, in cases of exceptional achievement, scholars could be recommended for book prizes.

It was noted that the College would appoint two six-hour Stipendiary Lectureships, in Theology and Archaeology and Anthropology, from 1st October 2014.

10. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Conference on 20th February 2014 were received. The Governing Body noted the recommendations of the Collegiate Funding Formula Working Group and **agreed** that the College would support the proposed model in the binding vote at the meeting of Conference in 9th Week.

The Finance Bursar updated Governing Body on the joint response from the Chair of the Estates Bursars' Committee and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Personnel and Equality) to questions raised by the USS Trustees. It was noted that any changes to USS, and any resulting consultation period, would need to be agreed by the end of June 2015.

11. Any other business

The Governing Body **agreed** a £500 donation to the Cowley Road Carnival on 6th July.

The President noted a request from the Honorary Degrees Committee for nominations to degrees by Diploma and Honorary Degrees at Encaenia in 2015 by 9th May 2014.