

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Dr. J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S.J. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor R. Bush, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L.M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. A. Russell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Dr. J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Dr. B. Murnane, Dr. J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Mr A. Hibbs (MCR President), Mr. S. Pishbin (JCR President), Mr. W. Todman (JCR Vice-President).

Apologies Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. R. Ekins, Mr R. Haines (MCR Vice-President), Mr. A. Riddles (JCR Secretary).

ACTION

AGENDA 'A'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 6th March were approved.

2. Steering Committee of the 2014 Ball

A steering committee has been set up to oversee preparations for the 2014 Ball. The committee will be chaired by the Senior Dean.

3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2013 were received.

4. Committee for the Promotion of Music and Visual Arts

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2013 were received.

It was noted that a chamber music concert will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday 12th June.

Governing Body **agreed** that:

- Rebecca Hind should be invited to give life-drawing classes in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms in academic year 2013-14, with a budget of £1,300 for each of these two terms;
- The Barn, Barn Foyer, Artist's Room and Exhibition Room in the Kendrew Quad be made available to the Oxford International Festival of Photography between 14th September and 5th October 2014;
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- Professional advice and quotations should be sought for work on improving the acoustics, audio-visual and lighting systems and care of the piano in the Garden Quad Auditorium, with an initial budget of £6,000.

FELLOW FOR MUSIC

5. Joint Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2013 were received.

6. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013 were received.

Governing body **agreed** to the purchase of two defibrillators and associated training costs, with an estimated total cost of £3,000.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

Governing body **agreed** that:

- AN Security should be contracted to provide and install Wi-Fi equipment and associated software, and to provide five years of maintenance, with a total cost of £136,800;
- The network budget for 2012-13 and 2013-14 be increased by £45,000 to pay for equipment to provide power-over-ethernet and other minor works associated with installation of the Wi-Fi network.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

It was expected that the Wi-Fi network would be in operation by the beginning of Michaelmas Term 2013, and all work would be completed by end of academic year 2013-14.

In response to concerns over low attendance at Formal Hall, it was reported that discussions with JCR and MCR representatives were ongoing over the possibility of reducing the number of nights on which Formal Hall is held each week during term.

DOMESTIC BURSAR, JCR & MCR PRESIDENTS

7. Garden Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013 were received.

8. Other business

It had been proposed to close the gardens for 5 days prior to the Degree Day on 21st September in order to prepare for Degree Day, which will involve erecting a marquee on the Great Lawn. The Tutor for Admissions requested that the gardens be open during the Open Day on 20th September so that the Garden Quad Auditorium would be accessible via the gardens. It was agreed that it would be preferable to allow Open Day participants to access the gardens on 20th September, provided safety concerns relating to the marquee were satisfactorily addressed. Given that the dates of the September Open Day and Degree Day are both determined by the University, this clash is expected to recur in future years, and the issue of whether St John's should hold a graduation day instead in May will therefore be reconsidered by Educational Policy Committee.