

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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, Professor S.J. Whittaker, Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor A. Grafen, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor P.P. Craig, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, 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. M-S. Omri, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Dr. R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Dr. J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray. Mr. R. Lau (MCR President), Mr. S. Pishbin (JCR President), Mr. W. Todman (JCR Vice-President), Mr A. Hibbs (MCR President-elect), Mr R. Haines (MCR Vice-President-elect).

Apologies Professor S.J. Elston, Professor P. Maini, Dr. D. Martin, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Dr. J. Obloj, Dr. B. Murnane.

**ACTION**

**AGENDA 'B'**

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 13<sup>th</sup> February were approved after correction.

2. Election to an Official Fellowship in Theology

Dr Katherine Southwood was elected to an Official Fellowship and Tutorship in Theology & Religion, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

3. Junior Research Fellowship Elections

Ms Jennifer Rushworth, Dr Louise Esher, Dr Maria Bruna and Dr Thomas Woolley were elected to Junior Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

The Senior Tutor thanked subject tutors for their shortlisting recommendations and confirmed that the Selection Panels' decisions had been unanimous. The President recommended that Educational Policy Committee reconsider the process for advertising and selecting JRF's, considering in particular the possibility of involving external assessors earlier in the process.

**PRESIDENT, SENIOR TUTOR**

4. Election to a Career Development Fellowship in Economics

Dr Natalie Quinn was elected to a four-year fixed-term Career Development Fellowship in Economics, without membership of Governing Body, from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

5. Tutor for Graduates

The President thanked Professor Whittaker on behalf of Governing Body for his work as Tutor for Graduates for the past three years and reported that Professor Elston has agreed to fill the post of Tutor for Graduates during Trinity Term 2013.

6. Graduate Scholarships

Governing Body noted that Eleanor Bath (Rhodes Scholar and 1<sup>st</sup> year DPhil student in Zoology) and Emma Claussen (450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/AHRC Scholar and 1<sup>st</sup> year DPhil student in Modern Languages) have been awarded North Senior Scholarships. It was agreed that the future of these scholarships should be considered at Educational Policy Committee with a view to either abolishing them or increasing their number to six.

**TUTOR FOR GRADUATES**

7. Alumni Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

It was **agreed** that the Alumni Office should arrange an event in 2014 to celebrate the matriculation of 2,000 women at St John's since 1979.

**FELLOW FOR ALUMNI**

8. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by correspondence) on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

9. Library Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

The recommendation of a Library Domus Grant of £75,000 for the 2013-14 year was **approved**.

Governing Body also **approved** a document detailing the College Library's Strategic Aims and Objectives.

The Principal Bursar expressed concern about fire safety in the Laudian Library and suggested that English Heritage be informed immediately of the modifications to the building that will be necessary to provide a fire exit at the North End of the Laudian Library.

10. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

It was **agreed** that:

- funds of up to £3,246 be made available for an early career Fellows' academic weekend;
- funds of up to £5,400 be made available to support a research project proposed by Professor Compton involving six West Yorkshire schools;
- funds of up to £7,500 be made available to support a display organised by Professor Armstrong at the Royal Society in July 2013.

- funds of up to £1,000 and possible remission of the Auditorium fee be made available to support a meeting on British Architecture between the two World Wars organized by two graduate students of St John's College, should their application to the Paul Mellon Centre be unsuccessful and subject to agreement by the Senior Tutor and Principal Bursar.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR, SENIOR TUTOR**

Governing Body **agreed** furthermore to the discontinuation of the Kendrew Music Studentship and its replacement by the post of Kendrew Music Assistant, subject to agreement by the President, Senior Tutor, Tutor for Graduates and the Fellow in Music that the issues concerning this post that were raised by Educational Policy Committee have been satisfactorily resolved.

**SENIOR TUTOR**

11. Music and Visual Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

12. Conference of Colleges

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were received.

The Conference's ongoing discussions of undergraduate bursaries were noted.