

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 19th June 2012 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. R. Freedland, Professor K. P. Tod, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor A. Grafen, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor G. J. H. van Gelder, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor P. Maini, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor G. Gottlob, Mr. R. Lau (MCR President), Mr. U. Ukachi (JCR President), Ms. M. Ward (JCR Secretary).

Apologies Professor F.A. Armstrong, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor L.M. McDowell, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. N. Lübecker.

ACTION

AGENDA 'A'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 23rd May 2012 were approved.

2. Rents and Charges 2012/13

The Bursar reported on discussions between representatives of the JCR, MCR and SCR on rents and charges for the academic year 2012/13. Against a background of increases in the costs of around 5% over 2011/12 levels, the committee recommended an increase of 3.6% in rents and food charges for junior members. It also recommended an increase of 3.6% in financial support for junior members in the form of the Academic Grant, MCR and JCR capitation payments, and Vacation Grants. It was further recommended that junior members should be permitted to seek to recover the entire cost of courses in the University's Language Teaching Centre. These recommendations were **agreed** by Governing Body.

In summarising the position of the student body, the MCR President called attention to falling levels of graduate funding from Research Councils and called on the College to continue and, if possible, extend its provision of graduate scholarships and bursaries. Similar concerns were raised by the JCR president about student loans for current undergraduate students.

The President thanked the committee for reaching a common understanding on rents and charges.

3. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2012 were accepted.

The President invited comments on the draft documents on Equality Policy that were circulated with the minutes. Governing Body **agreed** that these documents should be published as soon as possible on the College's website after any necessary revision, following further consideration of the text by the Equality Officer in the light of points raised by Governing Body.

It was also agreed to publish as soon as possible the specific equality objectives set out in the minutes, following further consideration of the text by the Equality Officer in the light of points raised by Governing Body.

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4. Library Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2012 were accepted.

5. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2012 were accepted.

6. Decanal Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2012 were accepted.

The JCR President explained that a gambling licence would not be needed for the proposed JCR Casino Night since any prizes offered would be of little monetary value.

7. Web Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2012 were accepted.

8. Any other business

The Bursar reported that Blackfriars Hall intends to install a bell in its clock tower. It was not thought that this would cause a significant increase in noise levels within the College, but it was hoped that the Blackfriars bell would not be rung at night.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR