

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**ACTION**

**AGENDA 'B'**

1. Minutes

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

2. Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 were accepted.

3. Library Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were accepted.

A clarification was requested on the rules on Fellows borrowing books from the library. This will be discussed in the next Library Committee meeting.

**FELLOW LIBRARIAN**

4. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were accepted.

5. Fund Raising Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were accepted.

6. Risk Management

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were accepted.

It was **agreed** that an external expert should be brought in to revise the College and Estates Fire Risk Assessments at a total cost of no more than £15,000.

**FINANCE BURSAR**

The Bursar thanked the Estates Manager on behalf of Governing Body for his work on updating and consolidating the College Health and Safety Policy document.

7. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were accepted.

It was **agreed** that the college would offer up to three Research Fellowships to the holders of personal, externally funded awards in the Humanities and Social Sciences who have no college association.

Governing Body also **agreed** in principle to an association with an Economics Department Career Development Fellowship.

**SENIOR TUTOR**

In a discussion of the Report on Graduate Scholarships circulated with the minutes, concerns were raised about the future of graduate funding from Research Councils and the hope was expressed that the college would continue to support graduate scholarships and to participate in joint schemes with the University's divisions and the Clarendon Foundation. The Tutor for Graduates noted that in the current academic year the College has been providing some £650,000 in support of graduate students through scholarships. The Tutor for Graduates and the President reported on university-wide preparations for graduate scholarships using funds to be raised if possible by the campaign co-ordinated by the University's Development Office.

8. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were accepted.

Professor Gerard van Gelder was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship.

Dr William Burns was elected to an Honorary Fellowship.

Professor Stephen Wolfram was elected to an Honorary Fellowship.

**PRESIDENT**

Sir Michael Scholar was elected to an Honorary Fellowship on demitting office on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

It was agreed to propose to the incoming President that she should take an oath of office, as Fellows do when they become members of Governing Body. The oath would be:

- Tu Margaret Snowling, in officium Praesidis Collegii Divi Iohannis Baptistae rite iam electa, dabis fidem quod omnia statuta atque ordinationes huius collegii observabis et, quantum poteris, ab aliis observanda curabis.
- Do fidem.
- Item dabis fidem quod omnia Praesidis officia diligenter et fideliter exsequeris.
- Do fidem.

Translation:

- Margaret Snowling, whereas you have now been duly elected to the office of President of St. John Baptist College, you are now to give a pledge that you will observe all the statutes and ordinances of this College, and, so far as you can, ensure that they are observed by others.
- I give this pledge.
- You are also to pledge that you will diligently and faithfully carry out all the duties of the President.
- I give this pledge.

**PRESIDENT**

9. Fellows' Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were accepted.

It was **agreed** that a sum not exceeding £12,780 should be spent on refurbishing [ ], the costs to be shared equally between the college and [ ].

**BURSAR**

10. Conference of Colleges

A paper was presented summarising the issues to be considered at the next Strategic Review of the University. These will be considered in detail at the next meeting of the Educational Policy Committee.