

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 30th November 2011 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. R. Freedland, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor A. Grafen, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor R. Bush, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor G. J. H. van Gelder, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor J. Ouaknine, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. M. Stokes, Dr. S. Myers, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. C. Jeffrey, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Mr. M. Klaput (MCR President), Mr. D. Messling (JCR President), Mr. U. Ukachi (JCR President-elect).

Apologies Professor C. Newton, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. D. Martin, Professor P. Maini, Dr. A. Russell, Professor L.M. McDowell, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Ms. N. Weinberg (JCR Vice-President).

ACTION

AGENDA 'A'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2011 were approved and signed.

2. Library Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November were accepted.

It was noted that a feasibility study into disabled access and fire safety in the College library would be presented to the Governing Body early in Hilary Term 2012.

3. Joint Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November were accepted.

4. Music and Visual Arts Committee

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

It was **agreed** that the College would support the recital by the Rose Consort of Viols on 15th January 2012 by contributing towards costs and providing accommodation for members of the ensemble.

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It was also **agreed** to host several events during the week-long tenure of the Humanitas Professor of Classical Music, Jessye Norman, probably in February 2012, and to provide her with accommodation over this period: all costs would be defrayed by the Humanitas gift to the University.

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5. Educational Policy Committee

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

6. Equality Committee

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

7. Staff Pay

The Principal Bursar reported on the recent staff pay settlement. A general increase of 3% has been agreed for all staff paid on College scales. It was noted that this exceeds the increase in the national minimum wage (2.5%) and also that, given the College's employee pension contribution rate of 6.035%, the equivalent rates of pay meet the level set by the Oxford Living Wage Campaign.

8. JCR President

On behalf of the Governing Body, the President thanked the outgoing JCR President and JCR Committee for their work and co-operation over the past year. The outgoing JCR President, David Messling, thanked the Governing Body for taking an inclusive approach to decision-making on issues relevant to the student body. The President extended the Governing Body's welcome to the new JCR President, Uchechukwu Ukachi, and his Committee.