

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Dr. C Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Dr. J. Oliver, Ms. K. Burnett (MCR President), Ms. J. Colston (JCR President), Ms A. Wrigley (JCR President-elect)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor K. Nation, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor L. Pratt, Mr. A. Payne (MCR Vice-President)

In attendance: Dr. K. Doornik (Equality Officer), Dr. E. Clewlow (Academic Dean), Ms. A. Bielby (Director of Development and Alumni Relations), Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION**AGENDA 'A'**

The President welcomed the JCR President-elect to the meeting.

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 9th November 2016 were **approved**.

2. Ball Steering Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2016 were received.

The Senior Dean reported that the proposal for a ball to be held on 23rd June 2017 had been evaluated and approved. He confirmed that fire exits from Canterbury Quad would be discussed at the next meeting of the Ball Steering Committee on 2nd December 2016.

Tickets would be priced at £170 (non-dining) and £210 (dining). The JCR President noted the 'Ball for All' scheme which would make available half-price working tickets and ten subsidised tickets at £35 each.

SENIOR DEAN3. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2016 were received.

Dr. Doornik reported that thirteen Fellows had attended the cultural competence workshop at the start of term and that it had provided a valuable opportunity for group discussion and reflection and a helpful emphasis on how tutors could support on-course students.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the BME dinner should be part of the annual calendar of College dinners with an allocated budget. The next dinner would be held in Hilary Term.

The Governing Body also **agreed** in principle that a specific College Officership for race-related issues should be created. The specific details of the role were referred to General Purposes Committee for further discussion

PRESIDENT/FELLOW FOR EQUALITY

It was further **agreed** that the College Officership overseeing issues of equality should be titled 'Fellow for Equality' to bring it in line with other similar roles.

4. Committee for the Promotion of the Arts

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to support the Global Music Concert Series [].

It was also agreed to consider support for the Oxford Alternative Orchestra subject to receiving further details of the membership of the group []. Should the orchestra be successful in its application to Musicians without Borders, a further application to the committee for matched funding would also be considered.

The Vice President noted the membership of the committee and asked that any suggestions for additional members be sent to him.

5. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Senior Tutor highlighted the Undergraduate student feedback, noting that the process for gathering feedback would be more streamlined in 2017. The JCR President reported that more guidance for students on writing essays would be welcome.

It was noted that Collection papers should be returned to students within three weeks.

6. Hilary Term 2017 Calendar

The draft Calendar was tabled with a request for any amendments to be sent to the Academic Administrator.

7. JCR Constitution

The minutes of the meeting on 24th November 2016 of a Sub-Committee of Governing Body to consider the JCR Constitution were received.

Governing Body **agreed** to approve the revised JCR Constitution.

8. Outgoing JCR President

Ms Colston thanked the Governing Body for their support over the past year, and particularly thanked Ms Dahnke and Professor Sobey. She noted the positive discussions about race-related matters, the progress made on issues around grants in discussions on rents and charges and the useful academic feedback sessions.

The President thanked the JCR President and the outgoing JCR Committee on behalf of Governing Body for their hard work over the past year. She commended the College for taking a lead on issues of equality and diversity.

9. Any other business

The President reported that the first group of children had started at the Bainton Road Nursery on 28th November. The Governing Body thanked the project team and especially Professor Parker, Professor Southwood, Ms Cripps and Ms Burke.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

10. Academic Services Committee

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