

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

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

In attendance: Dr. K. Doornik (Equality Officer), Dr. E. Clewlow (Academic Dean), Ms. A. Bielby (Director of Development and Alumni Relations), Ms. D. Cripps
Mr W. Donger and Mr J. Barwick (for Item 10)

ACTION**AGENDA 'B'**1. Minutes and matters arising

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

The President reported that two external members had been appointed to the panel to review the College's EJRA procedure, Ms Jane McNeill QC and Professor Jeremias Prassl.

She also noted that the minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 10th November 2016 had been circulated separately and highlighted the report of the ADEX working group.

2. Official Fellowship in Engineering Science

Dr. Luca di Mare was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 18th April 2017.

PRESIDENT3. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation on 21st November 2016 were received.

The Governing Body **elected** Professor Karthik Ramanna to a Supernumerary Fellowship (without membership of Governing Body), coterminous with his holding the post of Professor of Business and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, from 1st January 2017, for a period of five years in the first instance.

PRESIDENT4. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Senior Tutor reported on discussions about teaching in Politics. The Governing Body **agreed** to appoint a Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in Politics from 1st October 2017.

It was also **agreed** to appoint a one-year Stipendiary Lecturer in Economics from 1st October 2017.

SENIOR TUTOR

The Senior Tutor highlighted the information about graduate admissions, population and scholarships, noting that in future the University would no longer offer multiple candidates for consideration for each partnership scholarship. The Governing Body **agreed** that for a trial period the College would agree to adopt the 'subsequent selection' system, but with the proviso that it be permitted to specify a list of subjects to be available each year.

The gender imbalance at the point of admission for graduate students was noted.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Junior Research Fellowship of Dr. Harty should be renewed for a further and final period of one year from 1st October 2017.

It was further **agreed** to extend Professor Simon Hay's Research Fellowship in the Sciences until 31st May 2017.

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Wright for Hilary Term–Trinity Term 2018.

The Academic Dean noted the proposal for a new College outreach programme, funded by a recent donation. She would talk to the donor, in collaboration with the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, about broadening the proposed programme beyond STEM subjects.

ACADEMIC DEAN/DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

5. Fellows' Housing Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** that two Tutorial Fellows [] be required, for the better performance of their duties, to live in a designated College property [], from a date to be agreed, under the terms and conditions of the Hart-Synnot scheme.

Tenders for the refurbishment of 54 and 58 St John Street [] were also **agreed**.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

6. Hilary Term 2017 Calendar

The draft Calendar was tabled and suggested amendments were noted, with a request for any further amendments to be sent to the Academic Administrator.

7. Northern Gateway

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the Northern Gateway project and introduced Mr Barwick who had joined Thomas White Oxford Ltd as a Senior Development Consultant.

Mr Donger reported on progress to date and highlighted the planning and traffic issues relating to the site.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

8. Library and Study Centre

The Principal Bursar reported on progress on the building work, with a current delay to completion of around 2.5 weeks which may yet be improved on. He noted that samples of chairs and carpet were on display in the Library.

The Governing Body **agreed** a revised budget for Phase 3 of the project [].

9. Any other business

The Domestic & Establishment Bursar detailed the need to replace the lift in the MCR for the use of a disabled student. Governing Body **agreed** to replace the lift [].

The Senior Tutor, in his capacity as a Trustee of the Oxford Playhouse, reported on the financial position of the Playhouse after the recent completion of a three-year refurbishment programme to renew the whole interior of the building. The Governing Body **agreed** to support the Playhouse with a donation or a loan and to authorise the President and Principal Bursar to decide on the specific amount and terms of recognition.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

10. Health and Safety Committee

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

11. Academic Services Committee

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

12. Committee for the Promotion of the Arts

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

13. Official Guests to dinners, 2017

The list of Official Guests was **approved**.