

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, 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 M. Cannon, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins, Dr. K. Doornik

In attendance: (except for Item 8d) Dr. E. Clewlow (Academic Dean), Ms. A. Bielby (Director of Development and Alumni Relations), Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION**AGENDA 'B'**

1. Professor L. di Mare, Official Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science, was admitted to Governing Body.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 8th March 2017 were **approved**.

3. Visiting Scholars

The Senior Tutor noted the good quality of applications for Visiting Scholarships.

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer Visiting Scholarships during the Long Vacation 2017 to:

- a) Miriam Bradley, Assistant Professor in International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals;
- b) Michael Breidenbach, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Ave Maria University, Florida;
- c) Urvashi Chakravarty, Assistant Professor of English, George Mason University, Virginia;
- d) Abeer Fahim, Assistant Professor of English, American University of Sharjah, UAE;
- e) Joseph Heim, Professor of History and Political Science, California University of Pennsylvania;
- f) Andrew Neely, Associate Professor, School of Engineering and Information Technology, University of New South Wales.

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4. Elections to Scholarships

The Governing Body **agreed** to elect to scholarships the following undergraduates who had achieved Distinction in their First Public Examination:

- a) Emma Richards (BA Literae Humaniores);
- b) Benjamin Towle (BA Literae Humaniores);
- c) Yi Mingyang (BA PPL).

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5. Graduate scholarships

The Senior Tutor reported on the North Senior and Beeston Scholarships 2017.

The Governing Body **approved** the award of a North Senior Scholarship to Harrison Steel (DPhil Engineering) and of a Beeston Scholarship to Edward Love (DPhil Oriental Studies).

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6. Library Campaign

The President updated Governing Body on progress in fundraising towards the new Library and Study Centre since the launch of a 'silent' phase in 2016 []. The Director of Development & Alumni Relations had recently visited Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada and finally the United States where she was also joined by the President and the Principal Bursar.

The President thanked Governing Body for their support to date and asked Fellows for their further support over the next nine months, for example by inviting potential donors to High Table and hosting drinks receptions for overseas alumni when attending conferences.

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7. Trinity Term Calendar

The Governing Body **approved** the Trinity Term Calendar. Dr. Kantor highlighted the Artist-in-Residence, Edward Thomasson's, introductory talk in the Barn at 17.30 on Tuesday 2nd May.

8. Any other business

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Ball Steering Committee held on 2nd March 2017 were received. The Senior Dean highlighted the layout of the Ball and noted that almost all the tickets had been sold. He alerted Governing Body to the need to clear the SCR bike racks in Dolphin Quad before the Ball in 9th Week.
- b) The Principal Bursar briefed Governing Body on a proposal to place two electronic noticeboards in the SCR []. He noted that the system would be compatible with the proposed system for the Library and Study Centre. Governing Body **agreed** the proposal.

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- c) The Principal Bursar reported that he had received a letter from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, Mrs Taylor, commending the professionalism and charm of the College staff at a recent event she had hosted in St John's.

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BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

9. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 16th March 2017 were received.