

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 10.30 a.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The Acting President (The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte), Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura

Apologies: Professor A. J. Parker, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor Sir R. Collins

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

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Professor G. Rose, Professorial Fellow in Geography, Professor S. Kiefer, Official Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science, and Professor N. Sugimura, Official Fellow and Tutor in English, were admitted to Governing Body.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 7th July 2017 were **approved**.

3. Fellows' Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2017 were received.

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

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

4. Membership of Governing Body

The Acting President reminded members of Governing Body about their obligations as charity trustees, drawing their attention to UK Government guidance (*Charity trustee: what's involved* []).

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5. Recognition of Distinction 2017

The Governing Body congratulated Professor C. Whistler, Professor of the History of European Art, and Professor M.-S. Omri, Professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature, on being awarded titles of distinction by the University.

6. Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) consultation

The Acting President briefed Governing Body on the University's response to a Universities UK consultation on the USS, highlighting a range of issues relating to the triennial valuation that was currently taking place.

The Governing Body endorsed the approach outlined and **approved** the response.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR and FINANCE BURSAR

7. College Library

The Governing Body noted its thanks to the College Librarian, Stewart Tiley, who was leaving his post on 6th October. The Deputy Librarian would be Acting Librarian until a replacement was appointed, with extra support as required.

8. Size and shape

The Senior Tutor updated Governing Body on the subject-by-subject 'size and shape' discussions that he and the Academic Dean had held since the informal Governing Body meeting in 2016, covering Biology, Biochemistry, Modern Languages, History of Art, Archaeology and Anthropology, Theology, Fine Art, Classics and Medicine. The data to inform those meetings included information about admissions, exam results, teaching hours from a student point of view, teaching stints, widening participation, and graduate numbers and advisers. He noted that, over the past academic year, this data had informed decisions about new Fellowships in Philosophy and Economics and the replacement of Supernumerary Teaching Fellows.

The remaining fifteen subject meetings would be completed over the next two terms.

SENIOR TUTOR and ACADEMIC DEAN

9. Elections and renewals of scholarships

The list of scholarships was **approved**.

10. Safeguarding Policy

The Governing Body **approved** the revised Safeguarding Policy.

11. Research Committee

A meeting of Research Committee was held by email circulation on 14th September 2017.

The Governing Body **agreed** a Small Research Grant [] for Dr S. Krishnan to work on the role of US Philanthropy in shaping India.

The Governing Body also **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Professor Kate Nation to work with Professor Anne Castles, Macquarie University, Australia during July 2018.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

12. Any other business

The Acting President reported that Dr. Corran would serve on Chapel and Patronage Committee (in place of Dr. Wasmuth) and that Dr. Dhopade would serve on the Web Consultative Committee (whilst Dr. Harty was on sabbatical).

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

12. Public Sector Equality Duty

The College's Public Sector Equality Duty Policy was noted.

13. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 22nd June 2017 were received.