

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 2.00 p.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 A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura

Apologies: Professor C. Whistler, Professor W. Mattli, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor A. Russell, Professor J. Stanyek

In attendance: Dr. K. Doornik (Fellow for Equality), Dr. S. Campbell, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 29th November 2017 were **approved**.

2. Research Committee

The Fellow for Research reported on proposals discussed by the Committee during the Vacation.

The Governing Body **agreed** the following:

- i) a Small Conference Grant [] to Professor M.-S. Omri for a conference in March 2018 on 'Literature, democracy and transitional justice';
- ii) a Small Research Grant [] to Dr E. Corran for work on Parisian casuistical manuscripts.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH3. Admissions Committee

The Fellow for Admissions briefed the Governing Body on a binding vote to be taken at the 4th Week meeting of the Conference of Colleges' Admissions Committee on the movement between colleges at the confirmation stage of offer-holders who had missed their conditional offer due to extenuating circumstances.

It was **agreed** to seek clarification on a number of issues relating to the priority that must be given to qualified open offer candidates over unqualified candidates with mitigating circumstances, especially with regard to a) the need for timely decisions for overseas candidates and b) decisions when near-miss candidates had missed the English language requirement rather than the academic subjects related to their chosen degree. If these issues could be adequately addressed, it was **agreed** to support the binding vote.

SENIOR TUTOR and TUTOR FOR ADMISSIONS

4. Update on request to work beyond the EJRA

Professor Craig reported that the University had not yet made its decision on the case also being considered by the College EJRA Panel but that a decision was expected on 11th January. The matter would therefore be referred to General Purposes Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT and PROFESSOR CRAIG

5. USS update

The Finance Bursar reported on the UCU's proposals to the USS Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) and UUK's response to those proposals. UUK was seeking further feedback from USS employers ahead of the next meeting of the JNC on 23rd January.

The Governing Body **agreed** the Finance Bursar's proposed response to UUK.

FINANCE BURSAR

6. Academic Services update

The Acting President reported that the Academic Dean had left College at the end of December to pursue new opportunities. Dr Campbell, Professor Lübecker and Professor Murnane would continue to support undergraduate and graduate admissions, and access and outreach activity, during Hilary Term.

The Acting President drew Governing Body's attention to the President's request for input into the Academic Structures Review.

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7. Oxford–Berlin Research Partnership

The Governing Body noted with approval the establishment of an Oxford–Berlin Research Partnership.

8. Any other business

The Acting President reported that Ms. Bielby, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, was leaving College at the end of January to take up a new post in the United States. Governing Body thanked her for her work in establishing a joined-up Development and Alumni Relations Office.