

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 14th February 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. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura

Apologies: Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor C. Whistler, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor K. Nation, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins

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 10th January 2018 were **approved**.

2. Election of Official Fellow in Economics

Dr Séverine Toussaert was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Economics, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st October 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT

3. Election of Official Fellow in Philosophy

Dr Amia Srinivasan was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st October 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT

4. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2018 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to undertake a full review of the College's smoking policy and to consider the possibility of prohibiting all smoking within College, taking into account the views of Junior Members, academic and non-academic staff.

DOMESTIC & ESTABLISHMENT BURSAR5. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2018 were received.

The Senior Tutor noted that the College had been successful in its bid for association with the Professorship of Paediatric Neuroimaging.

The Governing Body **agreed** to appoint a Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in French from 1st October 2018.

The committee had discussed the time that undergraduates should return into residence on Thursday of 0th Week at the start of each term. It was agreed that the issue would be referred for discussion to Agenda A of the next meeting of the committee and that the Domestic Office should also be consulted. The Finance Bursar noted that the undergraduate licence to occupy rooms in College began on the Thursday night.

SENIOR TUTOR

6. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018 were received.

The Keeper of the Pictures outlined a proposal for a number of photographic group portraits of College staff. He would investigate further and report back to the meeting of Governing Body in 8th Week.

KEEPER OF THE PICTURES

7. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018 were received.

The Governing Body **elected** Nigel Carrington and Professor Stephen Mitchell FBA to Honorary Fellowships from 14th February 2018.

PRESIDENT & ACTING PRESIDENT

It was **agreed** to renew the Fellowship of Dr Ostle from 1st April 2018 for a third and final period of three years.

ACTING PRESIDENT

The revised proposal for teaching and research expenses was **agreed**. It was also **agreed** that members of Research Committee, except the Fellow for Research, could apply for College research grants.

SENIOR TUTOR

The revised procedure for charging guests to Domus was **agreed**.

8. Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 were received.

The Principal Bursar reported that the Oxford North scheme had been allocated £10m from central government's Marginal Fund to support infrastructure development. An equilibrium had also been reached with the City Council on the allocation of 25% of the site for affordable housing.

The Governing Body **agreed** to allocate further funds [] to TWO, subject to Investment Sub-Committee receiving a progress report by the end of March. It also **agreed** that TWO should continue discussions with potential investors with the aim of presenting individual offers for College to consider in May. TWO would also continue negotiations with the City Council on the overall viability of the scheme.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

The Finance Bursar updated Governing Body on USS and noted the UCU's planned strikes. She reported that there may be negative comment about the role of Oxbridge colleges in the scheme. She would ensure that all USS and USS-eligible members received relevant communications.

The Acting President briefed the Governing Body that all University examinations would continue during the strikes and that students needed to sit these. The UCU was not in dispute with the College and there would be no disruption to any areas of activity.

FINANCE BURSAR

9. Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 were received.

The Estates Bursar reported on plans to start refurbishment of Bardwell Court in June.

The Governing Body **agreed** consultancy fees [] to take the project to tender stage.

The Estates Budget for 2018/19 was also **agreed**.

The Keeper of Bagley Wood noted that a grant of £110k had been received from Natural England over a five-year period. It was **agreed** to purchase a tipping trailer to move large stones around the wood to maintain pathways [].

KEEPER OF BAGLEY WOOD

10. Bursarial Review

The Acting President reported that the meeting of General Purposes Committee in 7th Week would discuss the terms of reference and members of the panel for the Bursarial Review and report thereafter to Governing Body.

ACTING PRESIDENT

11. Library Works – phase 3

The Principal Bursar reported that he would bring the phase 3 budget for the Library works to Governing Body in 8th Week.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

12. Research Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Dr Kantor to invite Professor Thomas Corsten (University of Vienna).

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

13. Any other business

The Acting President reported that the Conference of Colleges would review an initial draft of the University's draft strategic plan for 2018–23. The plan would be considered by Educational Policy Committee in 7th Week and then by Governing Body.

ACTING PRESIDENT & SENIOR TUTOR

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

14. Development and Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2018 were received.

15. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 were received.

16. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 5th December 2018 were received.