

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor Z. Olszewska, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura

Apologies: Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor H. Bouman, Professor R. Ekins, Professor B. Murnane, Professor K. Southwood, Professor C. Beem

In attendance: Dr. K. Doornik, Dr. S. Campbell, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The President thanked Governing Body for her period of sabbatical leave which had been very productive. She also offered her thanks to The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte for his role as Acting President over the past two terms.

Governing Body observed a period of silence as a mark of respect for Professor Sir Roger Elliott FRS.

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 14th February 2018 were **approved** with one amendment.

In response to questions from Professor Whittaker and Professor Bray, the Principal Bursar noted the previous discussions of the plans for conservation improvements to the Laudian and Old Library, and the conversion of the Paddy Room back into tutors' rooms. More detailed designs would be presented in due course. In the meantime he pointed Governing Body to the information on the College website (<https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/discover/about-college/new-library-and-study-centre/conserving-existing-library-buildings/>).

2. Visiting Scholarships 2018

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer Visiting Scholarships during the Long Vacation 2018 to:

- a) Alexander Bird, Professor of Philosophy, King's College London;
- b) Dr. Camille Mathieu, Lecturer in Art History and Visual Culture, University of Exeter;
- c) Mr Phillip Morgan, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of York;
- d) Loren Samons, Professor of Classics, Boston University;
- e) Casey Strine, Professor of Ancient Near Eastern History and Literature, University of Sheffield;
- f) Dr. Zihua Zheng, Director, Joint Institute for Maritime Law and History, East China University of Political Science and Law.

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3. Elections to scholarships

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

- a) Ee Hsiun Chong (BA Jurisprudence);
- b) Elizabeth Coyle (BA Literae Humaniores).

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4. Trustee of St John's College Staff Pension Fund

Three of the four Trustees of the St John's College Staff Pension Fund were ex officio: the President, Principal Bursar and Finance Bursar.

The Governing Body **agreed** to reappoint Professor Mark Freedland as Trustee.

Governing Body expressed its thanks to Professor Freedland for his willingness to serve.

FINANCE BURSAR

5. Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The Principal Bursar reported that Mr Robert Crow had been appointed as Director of Development and Alumni Relations and would start in post on 14th May 2018.

The Governing Body **elected** Mr Crow to a Supernumerary Fellowship, coterminous with his holding the post of Director of Development and Alumni Relations. On completion of his one-year probationary period, Mr Crow would become a full member of Governing Body.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

6. USS update

The Finance Bursar updated Governing Body on USS. She noted that she was reporting to Governing Body in its role as employer and with trustee responsibilities in mind.

She summarised developments to date and the possible scenarios that might result from the various proposals presented so far. Her slides would be circulated.

FINANCE BURSAR

7. Any other business

The Fellow for Equality briefed Governing Body on a proposal to hold a late informal hall on 21st May during Ramadan both to support Muslim students in College who were fasting and also to develop greater understanding and positive relationships within College between Muslims and other students. She would attend the dinner.

Governing Body **agreed** to the proposal.

It was noted that staff would be required to work late and that the success of the dinner should be reviewed by the appropriate committees.

FELLOW FOR EQUALITY