

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. Davies, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor C. Beem, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor A. Srinivasan

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor H. Bouman, Professor C. Newton, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt

In attendance: (except for Item 6) Dr. S. Campbell, Mr R. Crow, Ms. J. Roadknight, Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 28th November 2018 were **approved** with one amendment.

The President welcomed Dr. Nicholls, Senior Tutor.

She updated Governing Body on the appointments to the Professorship of Paediatric Neuroimaging and the Supernumerary Fellowship in Applied Linguistics.

2. Fellow for Equality

The President reported that Dr. Klinke would be Fellow for Equality from the start of Hilary Term 2019. She thanked Dr. Doornik for progressing the College's work on equality and diversity.

3. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 4th December 2018 were received.

Dr. Campbell updated Governing Body on the 'Inspire' programme, noting that 79 students from non-selective state schools in Ealing and Harrow had participated during the first year. Of these, nine had applied to Oxford (just over 11%), four had been selected for interview and one had been offered a place.

In addition Dr. Campbell reported that the College had received a donation [] for a three-year access programme for students in Years 9–11. The President congratulated Dr. Campbell and Ms. Cripps for their work on the proposal and with the donor.

The President noted that the data from the 'Inspire' programme highlighted the hard work required to convert applications from under-represented groups to firm offers and described the current range of programmes across the collegiate University. She updated the Governing Body on the Conference of Colleges' and University's work on the Access and Participation plan and the likely targets that the Office for Students would set for admissions. She also noted the ongoing Augar Review of Higher Education and Funding's terms of reference which

included a focus on accessibility and funding. Once plans were more concrete, Governing Body's input would be sought to agree the College's next steps in this area.

The President also reported on a series of consultation meetings to discuss the design of a putative new College Contribution Scheme and noted the next steps required to reach a consensus.

PRESIDENT

4. Research Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Professor Obloj to invite Professor Sebastian Jaimungal (University of Toronto) from 11th February to 30th April 2019.

It also **agreed** the following Early Career Grants:

- a) [] for Professor Kiefer to work on 'Bounds on finite matrix semigroups over the integers';
- b) [] for Professor Toussaert to work on 'Understanding the demand for surprise goods'.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

5. Domestic Committee

The Governing Body **approved** the revised *Room Booking by Students Policy*, *Room Booking by Students Procedure* and *Room Booking by Academic and Non-academic Staff Policy*.

It was noted that 'tutor' had been replaced by 'Fellow' in the room-booking policy. The policy would be monitored to ensure that it was working effectively.

SENIOR DEAN, HOME BURSAR

6. EJRA

The Principal Bursar updated the Governing Body on the current EJRA case.

7. Any other business

The President reported that there would be an extra meeting of Governing Body from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. on 5th March to discuss the College's investment strategy.

She also noted that the admission of the Assessor would take place on 13th March and that all electors were invited to process on that day.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Committee membership 2018/19

The updated list of committee members from Hilary Term 2019 was received.