

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor G. Gottlob, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor A. Srinivasan, Professor R. Slater

Apologies: Professor P. P. Craig, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor J. Obloj, Professor B. Murnane, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor L. di Mare

In attendance: Ms. J. Roadknight, Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION**AGENDA 'B'**

The President noted that this was the first meeting of Governing Body at which the papers were available electronically via the newly launched College intranet. She thanked the IT and Communications teams and the College Office for the smooth launch.

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Governing Body held on 5th March 2019 were **approved**.

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 6th March 2019 were also **approved**.

The President reported on progress since the Extraordinary meeting, noting the written and verbal feedback she had received from Fellows. She noted the appreciation of the work of the Investment Officer. A meeting had been arranged for Fellows and Junior Members with the College's investment advisors on 9th May. The President also reminded Governing Body of the Bursarial Review's recommendation for a new Advisory Group on the College's investments and noted that meetings with Alumni would take place this term to explore the options. There would be further discussion of the issues at General Purposes Committee and Governing Body over the course of the term.

2. Election of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The Principal Bursar reported on the formal meetings he and the President had held with the Director of Development and Alumni Relations to assess progress to date.

Mr Robert Crow was elected a member of Governing Body, coterminous with his holding the post of Director of Development and Alumni Relations, with effect from 14th May 2019.

It was noted that Mr Crow would report to Governing Body on development and alumni relations activity on a regular basis.

PRESIDENT

3. Associate Professorship in Applied Linguistics

The Vice-President (Academic) reported that the preferred candidate had now declined the post and the Department of Education would decide on the next steps in terms of recruitment.

4. Library Refurbishment Phase 3

The Principal Bursar reported that the builders were making final adjustments to the new Study Centre ahead of 'practical completion' and handover to the College.

He outlined the plans for the refurbishment and alteration works to the existing Library. He noted that costs had risen [], in line with inflation and due to costs such as the secondary glazing for the windows in Old Library in line with the requirements of English Heritage.

The architects would present the project in more detail at the 1st Week meeting of Governing Body.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

5. Visiting Scholarships 2019

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer Visiting Scholarships during the Long Vacation 2019 to:

- a) Professor David Cabrelli (Law), University of Edinburgh;
- b) Dr. Kristina Hildebrand (English), Halmstad University, Sweden;
- c) Dr Sylvy Anscombe (Mathematics), University of Central Lancashire;
- d) Professor Alaa Almohammed (Language Development), King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia;
- e) Dr Catherine Frieman (Archaeology and Anthropology), Australian National University;
- f) Professor Antonio Rodríguez-Moreno (Neuroscience), University Pablo da Olavide, Spain.

VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)/SENIOR TUTOR

6. Elections to Scholarships Trinity Term 2019

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

- a) Anisha Jagdev-Harris (BA Classics and Modern Languages);
- b) Firdaus Mohandas (BA Jurisprudence);
- c) Harry Renshaw (BA Jurisprudence);
- d) Emily Zhao (BA Jurisprudence);
- e) Kiu Sang Max Cheung (BA Literae Humaniores);
- f) Elizabeth Davis (BA Literae Humaniores);
- g) Oliver Parkes (BA Literae Humaniores).

SENIOR TUTOR

7. Any other business

[] The Home Bursar would review a consultant's report on the structure of the Lodge and on College security and take forward the recommendations.

HOME BURSAR

The Finance Bursar reported on some changes to the cost of BUPA membership for eligible employees and noted that letters would be sent to individual members.

FINANCE BURSAR

The Governing Body **agreed** a Medium Size Grant to Professor Jason Schnell [] for work on a research project on ‘The role of liquid-liquid phase separation in protein amyloid suppression’.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

The President reported on the media interest in the project investigating the College’s colonial past and the feedback she had received from alumni, some negative and some positive. She noted that the reception of the project would itself form part of the research. She asked that any media enquiries about the project be passed to the Head of Communications.

The President highlighted the progress to Bagley Wood on 29th April and encouraged new members of Governing Body to attend.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 14th March 2019 were received.