

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 4th December 2013, at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor Dr. J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr I.J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S.J. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor L. M. McDowell, Professor P. K. Maini, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. A. Wright, Dr A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Professor C. Jeffrey, Dr. T. Burt de Perera Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr A. Russell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Dr. R. Ekins, Dr. B. Murnane, Dr. J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Dr. K. Southwood.

Apologies: Professor R.G. Compton, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor A. Hills, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor G. Gottlob.

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 13th November 2013 were received. It was agreed that a revised version adhering to the conventional format would be presented at the next meeting of the Governing Body.

It was recommended that the President consider inviting a member of Administrative staff to be in attendance in the future in order to minute meetings of Governing Body, overseen by the Secretary to the Governing Body.

PRESIDENT

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- It was **agreed** that, following a meeting of General Purposes Committee, a gift of shares to support a Fellow's research project could be accepted.
- It was **agreed** that the President would bring a paper regarding the procedures to follow with regard to the sponsorship of Fellows' research to Research Committee.

PRESIDENT

3. Academic Services committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November were received.

It was **agreed** that the post of Library Graduate Trainee be advertised for the 2014/15 academic year.

4. Educational Policy committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November were received.

It was **agreed** that an appointment be made of a Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in Mathematics for the period 2014-2019.

SENIOR TUTOR

It was **agreed** that the College should continue its association with the Drue Heinz Chair in American Literature and that the President and Dr Hayes should be asked to serve on the Electoral Board. If possible, space would be provided in College for the appointee at the discretion of the Senior Tutor.

SENIOR TUTOR

5. Development & Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November were received.

It was **agreed** that all leaving Fellows should be allowed to use the Alumni Guest Rooms on the same basis as alumni

6. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 14th November were received.

The President drew attention to proposals for:

- i) Widening access for Home and EU undergraduate students for 2015/16 entry.
- ii) Revisions to the allocation of teaching funding through the JRAM.
- iii) Governance structure of colleges' ICT

It was **agreed** that the Governing Body were in favour of the proposals.

A survey of provision for JRFs across Colleges would be circulated to Governing Body.

PRESIDENT

7. Any other business

- i) It was **agreed** that the President would write to Professor Kay thanking him on behalf of Governing Body for his highly informative presentation on the state of the College's Endowment.

PRESIDENT

- ii) The Bursar presented an item concerning the donation of a bird bath, a large bronze sculpture by Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, one of three made in the early 1990s, which College had agreed some years ago to accept. The recommendation to seek necessary planning consents to locate the bronze on the grassed area in Dolphin Quadrangle was deferred until a mock-up was positioned there to allow inspection of its suitability in that location.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

- iii) The Bursar informed College that the County Council was prepared to donate a stone sculpture of Thomas Rowney, Junior. This figure is of significance to the College, as both father and son had been at St John's and each had gone on to become MP for Oxford. It was agreed to accept the donation but with no obligation to site it in a particular location.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

Meeting ended at 3.30 pm.