

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. R. Freedland, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor A. Grafen, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor G. J. H. van Gelder, Professor Z. Molnár, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Dr. J. Ouaknine, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. M. Stokes, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. C. Jeffrey, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. A. Russell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton.

Apologies Professor R.G. Compton, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor P. Maini, Dr. D. Martin.

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2011 were approved.

2. Proposed Changes to Statutes

Submissions were invited from Governing Body on the draft proposal for a Bylaw concerning the Process of Review of the Presidency.

3. UCAS Consultation on Post-Qualification Admissions

Proposals put forward by UCAS for Post-Qualification Admissions were considered. The discussion covered possible advantages including improved opportunities for widening access and reduced reliance on candidates' predicted grades, and disadvantages including the timing of A-level exams, difficulties with holding admissions interviews and being out of step with international admissions. The possibilities of alternative course start dates, more extensive use of exam marks in assessments and independent admissions schemes were also discussed. The Tutor for Admissions will be guided by this discussion in responding to the university-wide consultation on the proposals.

TUTOR FOR ADMISSIONS

4. Estates

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2011 were accepted.

It was **agreed** to authorise the sale of land owned by the College [], subject to the agreement of three and disagreement of none of the Principal, Estates, and Finance Bursars and the President, should a decision be needed before the next meetings of Estates Committee and Governing Body.

ESTATES BURSAR

5. Admissions

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2011 were accepted.

6. Research Centre Management

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2011 were accepted.

It was **agreed** to award a grant to support a one-year Research Centre Associate plus related costs for a project proposed by Prof McDowell. It was also **agreed** to award grants for the support of three events, as proposed, taking place between April and September 2012. The appointments of Professor Savage and Professor Waxman to Visiting Research Associate positions were approved.

7. Educational Policy

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2011 were accepted.

It was **agreed** to appoint two five-year fixed-term career development Supernumerary Teaching Fellows, one in Philosophy and one in Psychology, both posts to commence on 1st October 2012. It was also **agreed** to appoint an Official Fellow and Tutor in Music, in conjunction with a University Lectureship, to replace Dr Stokes, from October 1st 2012. It was **agreed** to award a special grant to Dr Jan Hennings.

SENIOR TUTOR

Proposals for offering the College's open-subject graduate scholarships in partnership with various University graduate awards were discussed and endorsed in principle, subject to further refinement by the Tutor for Graduates.

TUTOR FOR GRADUATES

8. Entertainments

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2011 were accepted.

Additions to the list of Official Guests were suggested.

9. Archives

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2011 were accepted.

10. General Purposes

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2011 were accepted.

It was **agreed** to appoint Dr Burt de Perera as Tutor for Women in Hilary and Trinity Terms 2012. The Bursar reported on a meeting he had held to discuss the provision of office space for Junior Research Fellows – the Domestic Office will continue to seek, where possible, offices for JRFs when requested.

11. Domestic

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2011 were accepted.

The proposed charges for SCR Meals, Guest Rooms and Academic Rents were approved.

12. Risk Management

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2011 were accepted.

13. Finance

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2011 were accepted.

The Finance Bursar presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements. Following discussion, Governing Body noted the agreed transfer of £3.5 million from the expendable endowment to the College's general reserve.

14. Report of Selection Committee: Stipendiary Lectureship in Medieval History

It was agreed to appoint Ms Milena Grabacic to a one-year fixed-term Stipendiary Lectureship in Medieval History from 1st January 2012.

15. Any other business

Governing Body expressed its pleasure at the Oxford Preservation Trust's award, and the accompanying citation, to the College for the Kendrew Quad.