

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 10.30 a.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. R. Freedland, Professor G. W. J. Fleet, Dr. M. Davies, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor G. J. H. van Gelder, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor P. Maini, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. C. Jeffrey, Dr. J. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. N. Lübecker.

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor L.M. McDowell, Dr. D. Martin, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. J. Schnell.

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2011 were approved subject to the following amendments:

Item 5 – insert “and noted” before “the reports” delete “Following the recommendation of the Committee it was agreed that:” insert “The following were elected:”

Item 12 – delete “deliberations on these issues” insert “discussion of the balance of responsibilities of Tutorial Fellows”

2. Election to Junior Research Fellowship

Ms. Stephanie Simmons (Material Science) was elected to a Junior Research Fellowship from 1st October 2011 for three years.

PRESIDENT

3. Chaplain: Election to Supernumerary Fellowship

The Governing Body received the report of the Selection Committee for this post and, following its recommendation, elected Revd. E. Macfarlane as a Supernumerary Fellow and Chaplain, from 1st October 2011 until 30th September 2016, without membership of Governing Body.

PRESIDENT

4. Resignation of Official Fellow

The President informed Governing Body that Mr Nicholas Purcell had resigned from his Official Fellowship, from 30th September 2011, to take up the Camden Professorship of Ancient History at Brasenose College.

The Governing Body expressed its thanks to Mr. Purcell for his work as an Official Fellow and offered him its best wishes in his new appointment.

5. Teaching in Modern Languages

The Governing Body agreed to accept a benefaction of £1.2million from Mr. Bernard Taylor, and, following consultation between the College and Mr. Taylor, agreed that the benefaction would be used to endow the College part of a Teaching Fund post in Modern Languages that would provide for the appointment of a University Lecturer and Official Fellow and Tutor in German. In the event that this bid is successful, the newly funded post in German would bear the title 'Clarendon', as required by the terms of the Teaching Fund. In accordance with the wishes of the donor, it was agreed to name one of the Colleges existing Official Fellowships in Chemistry as the Taylor Fellow in Chemistry. It was further agreed that this title would be applied to the Fellowship to be taken up by Dr A. Russell from 1st October 2011.

The Governing Body asked the President to express its gratitude to Mr Taylor for his generous gift to the College.

SENIOR TUTOR AND PRESIDENT

6. Teaching in Ancient History

The Senior Tutor reported on discussion with the University about teaching in Ancient History following the resignation of Mr Purcell. The Governing Body agreed that College should appoint a one-year, fixed-term Stipendiary Lecturer in Ancient History. The President noted that there was a possibility, which he and Dr Snicker were pursuing, of benefactions by alumni of the College which would enable a Teaching Fund bid to be made in due course.

SENIOR TUTOR

7. Science Research Fellow

The Senior Tutor announced that there would be a vacancy for a Science Research Fellow. An advert would be placed in September.

SENIOR TUTOR

8. College representatives on Electoral Board for Professorship of Informatics

The College's representatives on this Electoral Board would be the President and Dr Ouaknine.

9. Election to Casberd Scholarships

It was agreed to elect to Casberd Scholarships from Trinity Term 2011:

Grace Attwell and Madeleine Ward for achieving a Distinction in Theology Prelims
Ruth Evans and Helen Willis for achieving a Distinction in PPP Prelims
Daniel Kranzelbinder for achieving a Distinction in Honour Moderation in Classics

10. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of 17th March 2011 were noted.

11. Trinity Term Calendar

The Trinity Term calendar was approved as amended. Professor Batty commented on the date for the 2nd Year Undergraduate Dinner saying that the date was too close to examinations. It was agreed that this situation would be corrected next year.

PRESIDENT

12. Any other business

Governing Body congratulated Professor Compton on his appointment to the Aldrichian Praelectorship in Chemistry.

The President reported that Professor Paul Craig was recovering from surgery. Governing Body wished him a speedy recovery.