

§ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 15th February 2012 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. R. Freedland, Dr. D.R. Stirzaker, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Professor S.J. Whittaker, Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor A. Grafen, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, 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. D. Martin, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. M. Stokes, Dr. S. Myers, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. C. Jeffrey, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob.

Apologies Professor P.P. Craig, Professor L.M. McDowell, Professor P. Maini, Dr. H. Bouman, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets.

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Admission of Fellow to Governing Body

Professor Georg Gottlob FRS was admitted to Governing Body as a Professorial Fellow.

2. Governing Body Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 11th January 2012 were approved.

3. Statute Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2012 were approved. The changes to the statutes agreed at the meeting will now be considered by Privy Council.

4. Election to an Official Fellowship in Law

Dr Richard Ekins was elected to an Official Fellowship in Law from 1st October 2012, subject to the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences Division confirming his appointment as a Titular CUF.

5. Organ Scholarship

Proposals for admitting organ scholars on the basis of auditions and subject interviews in September, in line with the Music Faculty's revised Organ Scholarship scheme, were put forward by the President and the Fellow in Music. Several tutors raised concerns about the fairness of making decisions on undergraduate places in their subject outside of the gathered fields for admissions in December. The incompatibility of September admissions with the admissions tests that are held in a number of subjects in November was a particular concern. A number of Fellows expressed the opinion that organ scholars perform a valuable service to the life of the college by

promoting music, in particular among the junior members. There is also a concern that deviating from the Music Faculty's revised scheme would very seriously compromise the quality of prospective organ scholars available to the College.

After further discussion, Governing Body decided that the College would rejoin the organ scholarship scheme, but admitting only undergraduates studying music as organ scholars, with auditions taking place at the same time as the university-wide scheme in September, with the aim of retaining two organ scholars in residence at any time.

TUTOR FOR ADMISSIONS, FELLOW IN MUSIC

6. Risk Management Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January were accepted

7. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January were accepted.

It was **agreed** that [] would be permitted to defer three terms of sabbatical leave until the academic year 2013-14, without losing credit towards future leave applications.

It was also **agreed** that the College would offer an association (limited to full lunching and dining rights) to the person appointed to the Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

The Tutor for admissions invited submissions of views on possible arrangements for Visiting Students before the next meeting of the Educational Policy Committee.

SENIOR TUTOR, TUTOR FOR GRADUATES

8. Research Centre Management

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January were accepted.

Seven requests for small grants to fund workshops and small conferences were **approved**.

DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE, PRINCIPAL BURSAR

9. Fund Raising Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February were accepted.

It was agreed to locate the Benefactors' 450 Generation plaque, which commemorates donors of £5,000 or more to the 450th Anniversary Appeal, in the Kendrew Quad. The Fellow for Development would circulate proposals for its exact form and location.

FELLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT

The President invited written submissions from Fellows to the Review of the Development Office.

PRESIDENT

10. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February were accepted.

It was **agreed** that the College would offer free accommodation and meals, subject to satisfactory pastoral and academic arrangements by MPLS, for up to 30 participants in the Physical Sciences Bridging Programme in -1st week of Michaelmas Term 2012.

DOMESTIC BURSAR, SENIOR DEAN

It was also agreed that the substance of feedback from Junior Research Fellows would be communicated to Senior Common Room staff.

DOMESTIC BURSAR

11. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February were accepted.

It was **agreed** that Prof Freedland should become an Emeritus Research Fellow from Michaelmas Term 2012, for three years in the first instance.

PRESIDENT

It was also **agreed** that the number of periods of tenure for Emeritus Research Fellowships should be limited to a maximum of three periods of three years each, and that after two periods of tenure an Emeritus Research Fellow should be required to vacate their room, and move, if they wish, to a shared room.

SENIOR TUTOR

It was **agreed** that the Public Foundation would photograph, catalogue and upload onto the relevant BBC website the collection of St John's oil paintings.

KEEPER OF THE PICTURES

12. Archives Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were accepted.

Following a discussion of the paper on the preservation of College officers' emails, the President invited submissions on suggestions of practical ways to archive emails.

KEEPER OF THE ARCHIVES

13. Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were accepted.

It was **agreed**: that

- negotiations be undertaken with developers over the future of Southmoor House;
- a planning application be made for the refurbishment of 7-11 St John Street;
- planning consent be sought for building work at the rear of the [].

ESTATES BURSAR

14. Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were accepted.

It was **agreed** that, in accordance with opinions provided by the College's legal advisors, a subsidiary company be set up to hold certain land assets. It was noted that the proposed arrangements would closely follow guidance from the Inland Revenue and the Charities Commission.

It was **agreed** to authorise the 2012/13 budget for premises and estates works, as set out in the estates budget.

It was also **agreed**:

- that an Interim Systems Accountant be appointed for one year
- that [] be allowed to transfer the value of their previous pension scheme to St John's Pension Scheme, subject to the agreement of the Scheme Trustees and the Actuary.

FINANCE BURSAR

15. Silver Audit

The Principal Bursar tabled at the meeting a written report on the recent Silver Audit. The Governing Body recorded its thanks to the Principal Bursar, the SCR Butler, Steward of Hall and President's Housekeeper for their help in organizing the Audit.

16. Conference of Colleges

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011 were noted.

17. Other Business

Governing body congratulated Dr Hannah Williams, Junior Research Fellow in Art History, on being awarded the Prix Marianne et Roland Michel 2011 by the Institut de France for her forthcoming book.

The President and Governing Body thanked Dr Whyte for the high standard which had been achieved in the current edition of TW magazine, which he had edited.