

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Dr. J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Dr. I. J. Sobey, Dr. A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F.A. Armstrong, Professor S.J. Elston, Dr. C. Whistler, Professor R. Bush, Professor P.P. Craig, Professor Z. Molnár, Dr. M. Cannon, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L.M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Dr. W. Whyte, Dr. A. Hills, Dr. R.M. Harding, Dr. H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. A. Starinets, Dr. J. Schnell, Dr. T. Burt de Perera, Dr. J.G.C. Snicker, Ms. S. Layburn, Dr. H. Skoda, Dr. N. Lübecker, Dr. P. Hayes, Dr. A. Russell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Dr. J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Dr. B. Murnane, Dr. J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray.

Apologies Dr. P. K. Dresch, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Dr. M-S. Omri, Dr. R. Ekins.

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of Governing Body held on 17th and 24th April were approved, and the notes of the informal meeting of Governing Body held on 14th May were also approved.

2. Senior Visiting Research Fellowship 2014-2015

Dr Christian Wieland, DFG Heisenberg Fellow at the Department of History, University of Frankfurt, was elected to a Senior Visiting Research Fellowship for academic year 2014-15, with effect from 1st October 2014.

3. Consultation on the Financial Guarantee Process

The President did not support the approach proposed by the Joint Fees and Student Support Advisory Group in her response, on behalf of Governing Body, to the University's Consultation on the Financial Guarantee Process. In particular, the lack of available information about the legal background to the consultation made it difficult to assess whether the proposals would be implementable.

4. Library Project

The Principal Bursar has arranged to meet representatives of English Heritage, the local planning authorities, and Wright & Wright Architects to discuss the college's broad objectives in respect of the refurbishment and possible extension of the Library.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

5. Research Centre Management Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** to provide £4,000 to support a workshop on EU Law in the Member States organised by Dr Prassl and Professor Freedland.

BURSAR AND DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE

It was noted that Dr Rebecca Emmett and Dr Brittany Schorn would shortly join the Research Centre as Research Associates to work with Dr Pitcher and Dr Larrington respectively.

6. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** that:

- The college should withdraw from the scheme for Choral Scholarship auditions organised by the Music Faculty and instead hold internal auditions in Hilary Term, with scholarship places available to all junior members.
- The limit of research expenses for those Fellows who currently may access up to £1,250 each year should be increased to £1,500 each year.
- The Junior Research Fellowships of Dr Dianne Newbury and Dr Emily Troscianko will be renewed for a further and final period of one year, from 1st October 2013.

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7. Entertainments Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by correspondence) on 1st May 2013 were received.

The proposal to hold a Gaudy dinner and lunch on the Friday and Sunday of a single weekend will be discussed at the next meeting of Alumni Committee.

8. Domestic Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** to the purchase of the TCAS Online Booking System [].

PRINCIPAL BURSAR AND DOMESTIC BURSAR

It was noted that it would be desirable for the new Online Booking System to have the capability for booking sports facilities and also that the system should incorporate a mechanism for approval of events by the Junior Deans.

9. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** that:

- Dr Ostle's Emeritus Research Fellowship should be extended for a second period of three years from 1st October 2013.
- Professor Gatter's Fellowship by Special Election and Professor Armstrong's Official Fellowship should each be renewed for a period of seven years or until retirement, whichever comes first.
- Professor Bush should be elected to a three-year Emeritus Research Fellowship without membership of Governing Body if he retires before or during the 2013-14 academic year.
- Dr Dresch should be elected to a three-year Emeritus Research Fellowship without membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st October 2014.

PRESIDENT

10. Fellows' Housing Committee

The minutes of the meeting held (by correspondence) on 9th May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed**:

- the proposed expenditure on maintenance costs at [];
- that [] be required to live at [] for the better performance of [] duties.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

11. Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** that:

- The Alumni Office, assisted by a working group, should organise a year of events to celebrate the matriculation of 2,000 women at St John's since 1979.
- The Springboard programme for female students should run in College, for two years (2013-14 and 2014-15) in the first instance.
- A Lady White Lecture will be held annually, from 2014.
- Dessert at future Gaudy dinners will be held in the SCR.

FELLOW FOR ALUMNI

12. Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2013 were received.

Governing Body **agreed** that:

- An additional £8,000 should be made available for the purchase of machinery at Bagley Wood.
- A sum of approximately £35,000 should be provided to support professional fees [] over the next five months.
- A sum of approximately €140,000 plus VAT should be made available for the refurbishment of 103 Kastanienallee, Berlin.

ESTATES BURSAR AND PRINCIPAL BURSAR

It was noted that a number of offers have been received for the Southmoor site, and that the sale of this site is imminent.

13. Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2013 were received.

In order to reflect the view of the recent Bursary Review, Governing Body **agreed** that the Finance Committee's terms of reference should be revised, with a draft to be brought to the meeting of Finance Committee in Michaelmas Term.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

Governing Body further **agreed** that:

- Stipendiary Lecturers on contracts of less than one year's duration should be auto-enrolled into USS (when auto-enrolment obligations come into force).
- The St John's College Staff Pension Fund Deed should be changed to enable members to withdraw or transfer AVC funds without withdrawing from the main pension scheme.
- The funds held in the global equity portfolio should be increased to £10 million.
- Further purchases of approximately £2 million should be sought for the OLIM portfolio.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR AND FINANCE BURSAR

14. Other Business

The President led the Governing Body in congratulating Professor Lionel Tarassenko on his election to a Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences and Professor Chris Schofield (Chemistry, 1982) on being elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Society.