

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 10.30 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor J.C.G. Pitcher, Professor K. P. Tod, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor R. G. Compton, Professor I. J. Sobey, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor L. Tarassenko, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor J. Ouaknine, Professor L. M. McDowell, Dr. C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor R.M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor C. Jeffrey, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit

Apologies: Professor P. K. Maini, Professor A. Starinets, Professor A. Russell

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 11th July 2014 were **approved**.

The President reported that the title of Professor Pitcher's role in development and alumni relations had been agreed as Founder's Fellow.

2. Fellows' Housing Committee

It was **agreed** that three Tutorial Fellows [] be required, for the better performance of their duties, to live in a designated College property [], from a date to be agreed, under the terms and conditions of the Hart-Synnot scheme.

It was also **agreed** that, in accordance with the previous decision of Governing Body that there was a need to prioritise allocation to those Fellows who had not been allocated a permanent property and given the lack of other available suitable property, another Tutorial Fellow [] would be required, for the better performance of their duties, to live in a designated College property [] from a date to be agreed, under the terms and conditions of the Hart-Synnot scheme.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. Elections and renewals of scholarships

The list of scholarships was **approved**. The Senior Tutor reported that the Organ Scholar had resigned in September.

4. Development and Alumni Relations

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the conclusion of the employment issues relating to the former Fellow for Development who had left his position on 15th August 2014.

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The President updated Governing Body on discussions with external consultants about the next steps in determining the College's fundraising objectives and the appointment of a Director of Development and Alumni Relations. It was noted that the current fundraising targets would need to be revisited.

The Founder's Fellow briefed Governing Body on his work with the Development and Alumni Relations team over the Long Vacation and on his proposal that the team should move from 21 to 20 St Giles. This would be discussed further in committee during Michaelmas Term.

The stipend for the Founder's Fellow for 2014/15, whilst he had teaching remission, was **agreed** on the recommendation of Remunerations Committee [], and supplemented by a special duties allowance for 2014/15 []. It was **agreed** that the special duties allowance should be reviewed in the light of changing circumstances.

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The President thanked the Founder's Fellow on behalf of Governing Body for taking on the role in development and alumni relations and in managing the changes involved in the merging of the offices.

5. Library (Enabling Works and Exterior Design)

The Principal Bursar reported on the preliminary works to install a new entrance to the library via the Otranto passage and a staircase at the northern end of the Laudian library. A doorway closely resembling a sketch by John Speed (1595–1640) had been uncovered. Scale models of the proposed study centre were available for inspection in the SCR together with samples of possible stonework designs for artwork on the exterior wall of the proposed new building. Governing Body **agreed** a proposal for a competition to select an artist for the design of the glasswork in the Otranto passage []. It was also **agreed** to continue discussions with Susanna Heron about the external stonework decoration and not to proceed to a competition.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

It was also **agreed** to have an open discussion at Governing Body in 1st Week, focusing on a longer term view of the use of the space currently used as the President's Lodgings and garden.

PRESIDENT

6. Michaelmas Calendar

The draft Calendar was **approved**, subject to two amendments.

7. Public Catalogue Foundation

The Governing Body had agreed in 2012 to the College's artwork collection being included on the Public Catalogue Foundation's website. Since only two Oxford Colleges would be unnamed, it was now **agreed** that, subject to the insurer's agreement, the College would be named both on the website and in the Foundation's hardback publications.

PRESIDENT and PRINCIPAL BURSAR

8. Titles of Distinction

The President and Governing Body congratulated Professor J. C. G. Pitcher (Professor of English Literature), Professor A. R. Weidberg (Professor of Particle Physics) and The Revd. Professor W. Whyte (Professor of Social and Architectural History) on being awarded the title of Professor by the University in the 2014 recognition of distinction exercise.