

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

An Adjourned Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor W. Mattli, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Dr. I. Klinke, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura

Apologies: Professor C. Whistler, Professor P. P. Craig, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor J. Schnell, Professor B. Murnane, Professor G. Rose

In attendance: Dr. K. Doornik, Dr. S. Campbell, Ms. D. Cripps

**ACTION****AGENDA 'B'**1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were **approved**.

In matters arising Governing Body **agreed** also to elect Cara Shearer (BA Philosophy, Psychology & Linguistics) to a scholarship after achieving Distinction in her First Public Examination.

2. Higby Trust

The Principal Bursar briefed Governing Body on the background to the Higby Trust and the College's wish to broaden the terms to encompass all students and candidates for admission and all disabilities, as well as to enable funds to be spent in other ways for the good of the beneficiaries, such as the provision of equipment or adaptation of buildings.

The Governing Body, as trustees, confirmed that they had made a formal resolution to apply for a scheme at a properly constituted meeting of the Governing Body of the College on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and that this decision had been recorded in the College's Governing Body minutes. The meeting was quorate and all members of the Governing Body were aware that this application was being made.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**3. Associate Professorship of Applied Linguistics

The Senior Tutor explained the entitlement procedure and the College's current position on the list. The potential inter-disciplinary synergies of the post with Fellows' research interests was noted.

The Governing Body **agreed** to bid for an association with the post of Associate Professor (APNTF) in Applied Linguistics in the Department of Education under the entitlement procedure, and to offer a Supernumerary Fellowship with membership of Governing Body.

**SENIOR TUTOR**

4. Academic Structures Review

The President presented the report of the Academic Structures Review, noting the changes since the previous review in 2013. She highlighted the College's requirements of its academic leadership and administration and the areas that needed more focus. She presented two possible models for the future, noting the review panel's recommended model.

After discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week meeting of General Purposes Committee for further consideration.

**PRESIDENT**

5. Any other business

The Principal Bursar reported that the metal structure for donor recognition in the new Library and Study Centre would be available for viewing outside the coffee area in the SCR.

He also noted a complaint that construction work in Garden Quad had been starting before 8.00 a.m. He would meet the students affected with the Master of Works and asked that any further occurrence be brought to his attention. The works would continue until the end of July.

The Principal Bursar briefed Governing Body on upcoming decisions on the Oxford North project. He noted that these would be discussed in Investment Committee and Estates Committee before presentation to Governing Body later in the term. He proposed to set up some informal consultation meetings to gather feedback.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

The Governing Body thanked Ms. Corinna Dahnke, Domestic and Conferences Manager, for her hard work in support of the College.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

6. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were received.