

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane

Apologies: Professor S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor W. Mattli, Professor D. Martin, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor C. Newton, Professor Sir. R. Collins, Professor G. Rose

In attendance: Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 19th February 2020 were **approved**.

In matters arising the President noted the decision to sign the Global Investor Statement to Governments on Climate Change.

2. Honorary Fellowship elections

The Governing Body elected Professor Myles Allen, Professor Dorothy Bishop FRS FBA, Professor Jane Lightfoot FBA and Ms Catherine Mallyon to Honorary Fellowships.

PRESIDENT

3. Junior Research Fellowship elections

The Senior Tutor reported on the elections for Junior Research Fellowships.

Emily Katzenstein, Justine Potts, Isabella Maudlin and Zhenyu Cai were elected to Junior Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for three years from 1st October 2020.

The Senior Tutor noted that advertising, timetabling and the language of the further particulars would be considered to ensure as wide a pool of candidates as possible for future recruitment rounds.

He would undertake an overall review of Junior Research Fellowships and other Early Career Fellowships on completion of the size and shape exercise.

SENIOR TUTOR

4. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to extend the position of the Project Library Assistant post for eighteen months from 20th September 2020.

FELLOW LIBRARIAN

The proposal for an initial three-year project to digitise the College's history library collections [] was **agreed** in principle, for further detailed discussion by Finance Committee.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR and FINANCE BURSAR

The Director for Development and Alumni Relations noted that a number of alumni would be likely to be interested in donating to the project.

It was **agreed** to take specialist legal advice on the retention of student records in consultation with the Data Protection Officer and the College Archivist.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

It was **agreed** to run a photo competition on the theme of diversity in Trinity Term, to participate in Oxford Open Doors on 13th September 2020, to proceed with a new edition of the College's *Short History and Guide* and to create a short *Self-Guided Tour of St John's*.

HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

It was also **agreed** to express an interest in the Digisafe project, subject to the provision of more information early in Trinity Term as to whether this would be a long-term storage solution for the College.

COLLEGE ARCHIVIST

5. Research Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** a Large Grant [] for Professor Parker for a project on 'A bigger perspective: ways of seeing in Italy, China, and the Future', subject to meeting specific conditions and clarification of contingencies and risks for agreement by the committee before the meeting of Governing Body in 0th Week of Trinity Term.

The Fellow for Research noted that agenda papers published on the intranet would include grant applications only and that references would be circulated separately by email.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

6. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Junior Research Fellowships of Dr Beresford, Dr Desmond and Dr Sekita should be renewed for a fourth and final period of one year from 1st October 2020.

SENIOR TUTOR

Following the appointment of Dr Jansen to a Tutorial Fellowship at another college, it was **agreed** to advertise for a Research Fellow in the Sciences and Mathematics in accordance with the protocol agreed by the committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) and SENIOR TUTOR

It was also **agreed** to:

- a) provide the minimum level of support to offer-holders;
- b) engage with the South Coast Consortia to phase in offer-holder welcome days in the South Coast;
- c) allow Outreach Consortia from other areas of the country to invite St John's offer-holders to local support events.

FELLOW FOR ACCESS AND ADMISSIONS

The Governing Body **agreed** a conflict of interest statement for graduate admissions.

Subject to Dr Pamuk taking up a new post, it was **agreed** to recruit a Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in Politics from 1st September 2020. It was also **agreed** to offer Dr Gill-Tiney a one-year extension to his current Stipendiary Lectureship in Politics with effect from 1st October 2020.

SENIOR TUTOR

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Strathern (Trinity Term 2021) and Professor Olszewska (Hilary and Trinity Terms 2021).

7. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation on 5th March 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to commission Sylvia Sumira to carry out conservation work on the Senex globes [].

KEEPER OF THE PICTURES

8. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to award choral scholarships to Sara Speller, Daniel Roade and Jonathan Hampshire.

FINANCE BURSAR

9. Fellows' Housing Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** that a Tutorial Fellow [] be required, for the better performance of their duties, to live in a designated College property [], from a date to be determined, under the terms and conditions of the Hart-Synnot scheme.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

10. Phase 3 of Library works

The Principal Bursar circulated the full cost plan for the proposed refurbishment of the Laudian and Old Libraries.

The revised cost estimate had increased [] from the original estimate in April 2019. There had been a general increase in building costs and a number of other issues had emerged that needed to be addressed (especially the stonework in Canterbury Quad) for heritage considerations and on the recommendation of the architects.

The Principal Bursar would arrange a seminar with the architects for the Library Working Party to draw the plans together.

The project would proceed on the basis of a November start date.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

11. Trinity Term 2020 Calendar

The Trinity Term Calendar was **approved**.

The President drew Governing Body's attention to the new meeting time and day for the Development and Alumni Relations Committee.

12. Any other business

The President noted that the College's Covid-19 Bronze Group had reluctantly decided to cancel all large events in College until the end of March.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

13. Remuneration Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 were received.

14. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 20th February 2020 were received.