

ST HUGH'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

The First Stated Meeting of the **GOVERNING BODY** in Hilary Term was held on
Thursday, 14 January 2016

Present:	Principal	Professor Harnden
	Professor Watts	Dr Perkins
	Dr Holland	Professor Marshall
	Professor Moore	Professor Perera
	Dr Kuhn	Professor Friedman
	Professor Chalker	Professor Mann
	Professor Stellardi	Dr Sanders
	Mrs Vainker	Ms Stott
	Professor Duncan	Professor Husband
	Professor Westbrook	Professor Biro
	Professor Pařeta	Professor Doyle
	Professor Macnair	Professor Sullivan
	Professor Rood	Professor Jérusalem
In attendance:	Dr Althaus	Ms Carthew
	Dr Ohta	

Ms Lyon represented the MCR and Ms Chatterjee the JCR. They attended for items 143-151, 168-170, 172-174 and 176.

143. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the following members: Professor Plunkett, Professor Mitchell, Professor Capelli, Mr Marshall, Professor Loutzenhiser, Professor Conway, Professor Baker and Professor Eidenmüller (Professor Garnett, Professor Getzler, Professor McDonald, Professor Quah, Professor Grainger, Professor Wilson, Professor Martin, Professor Lewis, Professor Leach, Professor Blunsom and Dr Parkin on leave).

144. Government Consultation: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice (Circ Bus 03.12.15)

A copy of the draft response from the University to the consultation and a summarising cover sheet had been circulated and were received.

145. Teaching in Economics (Circ Bus 04.12.15)

On the recommendation of Academic Committee it was noted that it had been agreed by circulation to appoint Mr Spencer Smith to a two-hour Stipendiary Lectureship in Economics from January 2016.

146. Conference of Colleges (Circ Bus 04.01.16)

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Conference of Colleges held on 8 December 2015 had been circulated and were received.

147. Review of the role of the Proctors and Assessor (Circ Bus 07.01.16)

It was noted that information about a review of the role of the Proctors and Assessor had been circulated.

148. The Minutes of the Third Stated Meeting in Michaelmas Term held on 2 December 2015 were approved and signed.

149. Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

150. Wolfson Centre (GB 23)

The proposal for the Wolfson Centre, the working title for the project, was received. It was agreed to approve the project to develop the Wolfson Centre. It was further agreed to request the Principal to form a working group, reporting to Governing Body, to develop the brief, appoint architects and drive the project forward. The working group will comprise Fellows, other academic members, students and operational managers including the Head of Estates and Director of Development. Governing Body will receive regular reports from the working group and will remain the ultimate decision-making body for the duration of the project.

The Bursar agreed to prepare a business plan and to explore financing options for the short-term funding of the project, and the Director of Development agreed to develop and implement a fundraising campaign for the project.

From the discussion of the Wolfson Centre it was emphasised that this was a decision to proceed with the project and not a final decision about the completed design or contents of the Centre. It was also stressed that the fundraising activity had two parts, one the construction project and the other the creation of academic bursaries, scholarships and the endowment of posts.

While concerned about disruption and noise, the MCR and JCR were excited by the project, especially the refurbishment with en suite rooms and the possibility of improved gym and laundry facilities.

The Governing Body thanked the Director of Development and Bursar for their work on the project to date.

151. Development Report

The Principal thanked Professor Moore for his Academic Lecture in December 2015 on 'Immortality and Infinity'.

152. Elections to Honorary Fellowships (GB 115)

It was agreed to elect Andrew Li Kwok-nang, Susanna Millar, Sarah Outen, Ursula Owen and Robert Ribeiro to Honorary Fellowships.

153. Proposals for New Distinguished Friends of St Hugh's College (GB 116)

It was agreed to elect Vahid Alaghband, Francesca Barnes, Claire Callewaert, Michael Callewaert, Irene Chu, Barden Gale, Flavia Gale, Glen Granger, Christopher Mok, Edwin Mok, Dominica Yang and Trevor Yang as Distinguished Friends of St Hugh's College.

It was further agreed that a paper vote would not be required for elections for Distinguished Friends of St Hugh's College.

154. Resignation of Professor Quah

The Principal advised that Dr Quah had tendered his resignation from College to take up a position in Singapore.

155. The Chronicle

The Principal advised that the new edition of the Chronicle would be published shortly.

157. Report and Recommendations from Education Committee

The Minutes of the Education Committee held by circulation on 15 December 2015 had been circulated and were received.

158. Book Prize (EC 1)

On the recommendation of Education Committee it was agreed to award a book prize to Li Chieh Lu (3rd year Biochemistry) in recognition of outstanding Collection marks.

159. Organ Scholarships (EC 2)

On the recommendation of Education Committee it was agreed to appoint the following as Junior Organ Scholars:

Cheryl Tan (1st year Music)
Charis Virgo (1st year Medicine).

160. Report and Recommendations from Education Committee

The Minutes of the Education Committee held by circulation on 12 January 2016 had been tabled and were received.

161. Suspensions

A list of students whose status is currently suspended was noted.

162. Returns

A list of students scheduled to return was noted.

163. Change of Course

A list of students who had changed course was noted.

164. Report and Recommendations from Academic Committee

The Minutes of the Academic Committee held by circulation on 16 December 2015 had been circulated and were received.

165. Teaching in Psychology (AC 1)

On the recommendation of the Academic Committee, it was agreed to appoint Dr Martin O'Neill to a one-hour Stipendiary Lectureship in Psychology from January 2016 for Hilary and Trinity Terms.

166. Remuneration Committee

The Minutes of the special meeting of the Remuneration Committee held on 3 December 2015 had been circulated and were received.

168. Communications Manager (GB 126)

The Bursar advised that a new advertisement had been placed for the full-time Communications Manager post. The recruitment to an interim part-time fixed-term contract position had not been successful.

169. HR Advisor (GB 127)

The Bursar advised that Ms Felicity Walker had now started in this position.

170. New CDF, Scholarship and Bursary Fundraising Manager (GB 129)

The Bursar advised that Ms Arlene Paterson had now started in College.

172. Liquidated Damages (GB 45)

The Bursar advised that negotiations regarding liquidated damages were still in progress.

173. China Centre Lease (GB 46)

The Bursar advised that negotiations with the University of Oxford concerning the lease for the China Centre were still progressing.

174. Admissions

The Senior Tutor advised that undergraduate offers were slightly down on last year.

175. PREVENT Duty

The Principal advised that all Heads of Houses had been circulated with proposals on how to respond to the HEFCE self-assessment process relating to the new PREVENT duty and this was now being considered in College.

176. Equality and Diversity Issues Arising

It was noted that provision for disability would be an important aspect of the design and construction of the Wolfson Centre.

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Secretary