

MANSFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH
JANUARY 2010.

Present: Principal(Chair), J. Bell Burnell, S. Biller, S. Blundell, A. Campbell, A. Chawluk, J. Dyson, P. Eleftheriadis, L. Given, K. Gleadle, A. Gosler, G. Johnstone, H. Lacey, T. Lancaster, T. Lemon, D. Lincicum, M. Linheira, P. Lodge, J. Marchini, C. Martin, D. McCormack, C. Morningstar, K. Morris, J. Rasmussen, L. Rumsey, J. Smith, J. Sykes, S. Waterman.

In Attendance: J. Buswell.

1. Apologies: K. Auel, R. Ballaster, M. Bradley, H. Clark, M. Freeden, T. Rasmussen, A. Salvesen.

2. Welcome to New Members

Due to a delay in obtaining his visa the new Visiting Fellow, Fernando Audebert, would not be arriving until later in the term.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were agreed, apart from the following:

Item 8. Senior Tutor Business. To read: "...Mansfield had been allocated its first preference choice of Yorkshire and Bromley & Croydon."

4. Notification of Any Other Business

None.

5. Matters Arising

Item 5. 125th Anniversary Group

The Group would be meeting soon. A paper outlining new ideas will come to a future meeting.

Item 6. Chairs in the Dining Hall

A. Campbell reported that the proposed removal of benches from the Hall in favour of chairs had been raised at the JCR meeting. There was concern that this might reduce the seating capacity of the Hall and also some nostalgia for the passing of the benches, however, so long as the funding for the new chairs did not come from another aspect of college life which they felt more important the JCR agreed to the move. G. Johnstone to raise with the MCR.

6. Principal's Report

Hands Lecture. Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive of HEFCE will be delivering the next Hands Lecture. Date to be announced. Guest Nights. The Vice-Chancellor and his wife will be attending the guest night on Friday 12th February. Shami Chakrabarti and her husband will be attending the black tie guest night on Friday 26th February. New York Reunion. The Principal and S. Forkun will be flying over to New York for the Reunion. The college will be holding a drinks reception and dinner for selected alumni. S. Sayers, G. Harrison and John Allinson and his wife have all accepted an invitation to attend. College Magazine. The latest edition has been

very well received. The Principal on behalf of the Governing Body congratulated the Fellow editors and C. Hancock for their hard work. The Principal will be approaching people who might like to take on the editorship of the next magazine and asked for volunteers. If the current editors wished to carry-on that would be very welcome.

7. Bursar's Report

S. Waterman thanked B. Mawby and T. Berenzy for their "snow management" and the students, who due to the bad weather had been unable to park in the quad to unload their belongings and had to carry their luggage in from the road. Health and Safety Inspection. The latest inspection has been completed. Complimentary feedback has been received. A formal report will be produced. S. Waterman thanked T. Berezny, A. Ward and L. Partridge for all their hard work in making sure the inspection went smoothly.

8. Senior Tutor Business

L. Rumsey asked that if anyone had any news that they would like put up on to the college website, to let her know. L. Given asked that those who had not already done so, please submit their profiles for the college website.

9. Fellow Librarian's Report

Nothing to report.

10. Dean's Report

Nothing to report.

11. Chairman of the Heritage Committee Report

Nothing to report.

12. JCR President's Report

A Campbell thanked all concerned for the Christmas Formal. It had been a great success. The minor concern regarding the booking-in system and the capacity of the Chapel had in the end resolved itself. The JCR would like to request that they be kept up to date with the situation of the chairs in the Dining Hall. In weeks 4 & 5 it is hoped to set-up with L. Rumsey some revision/skills sessions for those undertaking prelim exams. Also later this term the JCR will be pioneering a JCR Question Time. It will be an intra JCR event. The JCR Bench will make up the panel. A report will be produced for the Governing Body in Trinity Term.

13. MCR President's Report

Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 2.21pm.

