

ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM SENIOR COMMON ROOM
Minutes of the meeting held in the Williams Library on Tuesday 28 October 2014

Present: Bill Apedaile (President) Ashley Wilson (Treasurer), Paul Braidford (Secretary), Joe Cassidy, Gary Cox, Julian Kotze, James Leigh, Rhys Burriss, Nick Baron, Robert Guthrie, David Hunt, Tim Harrison, Tiny Seward, Angela Seward, Diana Collecott, Joan Mills, Stuart Watson, Lucy Eland, Jenny Parker, Sarah Banks, Jane Manley, Rebecca Wallace, Helen Donoghue, Mark Roberts, Paola Gatti, Sean Kelly, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Elizabeth Kahn, Margaret Masson, Elizabeth Roberts, Jessica Holmes, Edwin Holmes, Elizabeth Fisher, Pete Fisher, Colin Woodward, Jean Woodward, Frank Cranmer, Maxine Houston

Apologies for absence had been received from: Richard Davison, Gordon Harper, Paul Taylor, Sean Power, Ann Moss, David Gehring, Katherine Friend, Michael Butler, Maurice Simmons, Paul Benneworth, David Blazey, Gillian Blazey, Greg Pritchard, Jonathan Moreland, Sue Shaw, Richard Taylor, David Crooks, Pauline Watson, Michael Haynes, Lucy Smout Szablewska, Simon Grant, Alice Hills, Anthony Anderson, Paul Chandler, Sarah Chandler, Clare Stancliffe. Richard de Robeck, James Lancelot, Jo Cundy, Gordon Allinson, Ian Stone, Rosalind Brown, Ann Loades, Elizabeth Rowark, Dick Watson, Pauline Watson, Mervyn Ellis, Christopher Johns, James Randle, Katie Randle, Andrew Mann, Suzanne Cox, Gillian Skinner, Marek Szablewski, Fred Robinson, Ollie Burnham, Emily Oliver, Kat Saunders, Matt Smith, Andrew Mann, Richard Monk

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2014 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report The accounts are appended at the end of the minutes. The balance was reported to be healthy. Steve Crossley's feedback on receiving a conference travel grant was read out, and his thanks to the SCR were passed on. It was announced, to no objections, that the two new members of the PDA awarding committee are Kat Saunders and Elizabeth Fisher, expanding the total number of members from three to four. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

Principal's Report The Principal updated the SCR on discussions on a new arrangement for funding and a revised Memorandum of Understanding for the college; the appointment of a new VC – expected to be appointed by September 2015; the Governance Review; the college's redevelopment and property acquisition plans; and the university's plans for new student accommodation. Rhys Burriss asked whether it was sensible to expand student numbers as planned. Ian Zass-Ogilvie asked about issues of widening participation in the university, and how the college is responding. No figures for the college are available, but we have a number of initiatives addressing this issue.

President's Report The President reported on the success of the recent combination formal, and repeated the request to have as many members there as possible for future combination formals (the next one being on 29 January). It was noted that plans for compiling a database of SCR members and their interests, for students to be able to access them online, are progressing and members will be asked to complete relevant forms shortly.

New Tutors New SCR members **Dr Viv Kendon** (*Reader in Physics*) and **Sally Smith** (*project manager at Diabetes UK*) and existing SCR members **Sean Kelly**, **Toby Breckon**, **Rebecca Coulson**, **Ali Smith** and **Anna Montague-Johnston**

New Members Elected as new members: Chad's alumni **Andrea Mitchinson** and **David Newsome** (*proposed Margaret Masson, seconded Mark Roberts*); **Ollie Burnham** (*ex-MCR President, proposed Paul Braidford, seconded Ashley Wilson*); and **Dr David Lamb** (*dental practitioner, proposed Rhys Burriss, seconded Nick Barton*)

Appointed by the Principal: **Prof Gavin Phillipson** (*Deputy Head of Law School*); **Mikolaj Kundegorski** (*Research Associate in Engineering and Computer Sciences*); **Dr Paola Gatti** (*Marie Curie Experienced Researcher in the Business School*); **Dr Budhika Mendis** (*Lecturer in Physics*); **Sylvie Donna** (*English Language Teaching Fellow in the English Language Centre*); **Dr Iowerth Thomas** (*Research Fellow in Physics*); **Tim Packer** (*alumnus and IS Specialist in Computing and Information Services*); **Jane Manley** (*outgoing College Librarian*); **Fred Wentworth-Bowyer** (*retired CEO of the Nutrition Society*); **Prof John Linarelli** (*Law School*); **Jenny Jeffes** (*Senior Engagement Manager in Business & Innovation Services*); **Elizabeth Kahn** (*Lecturer in School of Government and International Affairs*); **Jenny Parker** (*new College Librarian*); **Elisabeth Rowark** (*Director in Kielder Partnership*) and **Jenny Haworth** (*Head of Planning and Performance at Durham County Council*), new members of the Governing Body; and **Dr Peter Sedgwick** (*Alan Richardson Fellow and retired Principal of St. Michael's College, Cardiff*)

Forthcoming Events The list of forthcoming events is appended to these minutes.

Date of the next meeting The next meeting will be held on 17 February 2015. Note that it is likely to be held in the Chapel, which can seat more, and is more accessible than the library.

AOB Ian Zass-Ogilvie asked whether the meeting will be moved to another room in future, given the shortage of space in the library. As noted above, future meetings will be in the Chapel. Rhys Burriss asked whether there should be a moratorium on new members, or a more conscious decision to expand, given the increase in members. The Treasurer noted the current number of members is around 270, but the number of 'active' members is far smaller. The Treasurer noted that this is not a major problem, as long as they all pay their dues. However, it can have some impact on the availability of places at some formals, Members were reminded that they can go to up to three formals per term, and can also attend the special and combination formals on top of this limit – but we would also like to encourage a full High Table. From this term, the Secretary will issue an email the week prior to formals which still have places free; any member can sign up for these formals, regardless of how many others they have attended this term.

In the absence of further business the President closed the meeting at 7pm.

SCR Treasurer's Report 30/09/2014

Balance at 01/07/14 1299.79

INCOME

Subs income	45.00
Sri Lanka project income	35.00
Personal Development Awards fund income	0.00

EXPENDITURE

Misc	10.00*
PDA fund expenditure	100.00
Balance at 30/09/14	<u>1269.79</u>

* misdirected payment – transferred to College

CURRENT BALANCE

Balance at 27/10/14 2584.79

Subs by standing order paid 20/10