

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 17th day of January, 1961

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

Whereas the Council of Somerville College, in the University of Oxford, did, under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, on the 15th day of June, 1960, make Statutes amending the Statutes of the College:

And Whereas the said Statutes have been submitted to Her Majesty in Council and notice of their having been so submitted has been published in the London Gazette, and the said Statutes have also been laid before both Houses of Parliament in accordance with the directions contained in the said Act and no Petition or Address against the same has been presented:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Statutes (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her approval of the same.

W.G. Agnew

STATUTES referred to in the foregoing Order in Council

STATUTES made by Somerville College, in the University of Oxford on the 15th day of June, 1960, under the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge Act, 1923, and submitted to Her Majesty in Council for approval.

I. THE GOVERNING BODY

Governing Body

1. The Governing Body shall consist of the Principal and those persons who shall for the time being and from time to time be Fellows of the College and qualified for membership of the Governing Body under the provisions of the Statute hereinafter enacted.

Chairman

2. The Principal shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Governing Body and of its Committees. In her absence the Vice-Principal shall preside over meetings of the Governing Body and of its Committees, or, in the absence of both Principal and Vice-Principal, the Senior Official Fellow present shall preside.

Quorum

3. The Governing Body may act and its proceedings shall be valid notwithstanding the absence of any of its members provided that no business shall be transacted unless at least six members are present.

Meetings

4. Every meeting of the Governing Body shall be of one of four kinds:

(a) *Stated Meetings*. One Stated Meeting at least shall be held in each of the three University terms in every year. The Governing Body may by resolution adjourn a Meeting to a date specified in such resolution provided that not less than five days' notice of such date shall be given to all members not present at the adjourned Meeting.

(b) *Special Meetings*. The Principal or, in her absence the Vice-Principal or, in the absence of both, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford may at any time by giving fifteen days' notice to all members convene a Special Meeting and shall do so at the request of any three members of the Governing Body. The Governing Body may at a Special Meeting exercise all the same powers which it could exercise at a Stated Meeting, but no business shall be transacted of which notice shall not have been given to members with the notice convening the Meeting.

(c) *Ordinary Meetings*. Meetings may be convened by the Principal or, in her absence, by the Vice-Principal or, in the absence of both, by the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford, at any time, but no business shall be transacted or powers exercised which under the Statutes of the College or under any other enactment or Resolution made by the Governing Body ought to be transacted or exercised by the Governing Body at a Stated or Special Meeting.

(d) *Meetings to consider or to make an election to the Office of Principal*.
As provided in Statute II, Clause 2.

Powers

5. The Governing Body shall have all such powers as are conferred on it by the Charter and shall, subject thereto and to these Statutes, have the entire direction and management of the affairs of the College.

Committees

6. The Governing Body shall elect a Finance Committee and may elect other Committees. It may appoint as members of such Committees persons who are not members of the Governing Body but the majority of members of each Committee shall be members of the Governing Body. The Governing Body may delegate to each Committee such of its powers as it may think fit.

Elections and Appointments

7. The Governing Body shall elect the Principal and Fellows, and shall appoint Tutors, Lecturers, and such other Officers of the College as it may from time to time think necessary.

By-laws

8. The Governing Body may make such By-laws and Regulations as it thinks fit for the conduct of its business, the admission, education, and discipline of members of the College *in statu pupillari*, and the administration of the College, and may alter or repeal such By-laws, provided that no such By-law or Regulation shall be valid which is inconsistent with the Charter of Incorporation or with these Statutes or with the Statutes of the University. No By-law shall be altered, suspended or repealed, except by resolution of the Governing Body at a Stated or Special Meeting, notice of the proposed alteration, suspension or repeal having been given at a previous meeting.

Secretary

9. The Governing Body shall elect a Secretary who shall keep a record of its proceedings, issue notices of its meetings and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to her by the Governing Body. Unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise the offices of Treasurer (hereinafter provided for) and Secretary shall be held by one and the same person.

Voting

10. Every member of the Governing Body shall have one vote only at meetings of the Governing Body, but in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. All votes shall be given personally and not by proxy. Except as hereinafter provided, all questions shall be decided by the vote of the simple majority of those present and voting.

Seal

11. The Governing Body shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal of the College which shall be affixed to any instrument requiring the Common Seal in the presence of two members of the Governing Body, but

shall not be so affixed except in pursuance of an express resolution of the Governing Body or, if for any reason it is not practicable to summon the Governing Body for the purpose, then in pursuance of the written direction of at least three members of the Governing Body.

Contracts

12. Contracts on behalf of the College may be made as follows: -
- (a) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing, and if made according to English law to be under seal, may be made on behalf of the College in writing under the Common Seal of the College ;
 - (b) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing, signed by the parties to be charged therewith, may be made on behalf of the College in writing signed by any person acting under its authority ;
 - (c) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law valid although made by parol only, and not reduced into writing, may be made by parol on behalf of the College by any person acting under its Authority;
 - (d) a contract made according to this Statute may be varied or discharged in the same manner in which it is authorised by this Statute to be made.

II. THE PRINCIPAL

Qualifications

1. The Governing Body shall appoint as Principal the woman who in its judgment is most fitted for the Headship of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education.

Foreseen Election (Retirement)

2. - (a) When the Principal is about to reach the age of retirement under this Statute, she shall give notice of this at a Stated Meeting in Trinity Term preceding the year of her retirement. The Vice-Principal or, in her absence, her Senior Official Fellow present shall with not less than four weeks' notice given in writing call together the members of the Governing Body present in Oxford to consider the election of a Principal. This meeting shall take place not earlier than the first or later than the fourth week of the succeeding term, and the meeting for the election shall take place not later than Trinity Term in the year of the Principal's retirement.

Foreseen Election (Resignation)

- (b) If the Principal intends to resign before reaching the age of retirement she shall, if possible, give one year's notice of her intention in which case the meeting to consider the election of her successor shall be summoned in accordance with the procedure set out in section (a) above. If the Principal is unable to give one year's notice the procedure shall be as in section (c) below.

Unforeseen Election

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Principal through death or any unforeseen cause the Vice-Principal, or, in her absence, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford shall with not less than three weeks' notice given in writing call together the members of the Governing Body present to consider the election of a Principal. This meeting shall take place not less than one month or more than three months from the occurrence of the vacancy, except that when the vacancy shall occur in the long vacation it shall be held not earlier than the first or later than the fourth week of the succeeding term. The meeting for the election shall take place not later than the third term after the occurrence of the vacancy or the notice of resignation.

Conduct of Election Meeting

(d) The Vice-Principal or, in her absence, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford shall preside at the meeting for the election of a Principal but shall not be entitled to give a second or casting vote. Votes shall be given in writing and may be given for any person whose name has been proposed and seconded at the meeting. If any person obtains an absolute majority she shall be elected. If no one obtains an absolute majority the meeting shall adjourn for an hour or longer, provided that if the meeting be adjourned until another day, immediate notice of the adjournment be given in writing to each member of the Governing Body not present at the adjourned meeting. On resumption of the meeting another vote shall be taken, and it shall then be lawful for any member to propose a name or names in addition to those already before the meeting, and the votes shall be taken on all the names proposed. If no one obtains an absolute majority at the second vote, then a further vote or votes shall be taken at this or a later meeting with the object of obtaining an absolute majority for one candidate. Failure to obtain an absolute majority shall not, however, be held to invalidate an election.

Entry into Office

3. Unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise, a Principal elected under Clause 2 (a) above shall enter upon the duties of her office and shall be entitled to its emoluments from the first day of October following her election, and a Principal elected under Clause 2 (c) above shall enter upon the duties of her office and shall be entitled to its emoluments from the day of the election.

Presentation to the Visitor

4. As soon as may be after the election a member of the Governing Body deputed for that purpose shall present the Principal so elected to the Visitor, and shall deliver to the Visitor a letter under the College Seal announcing the result of the election. The Principal shall in the presence of the Visitor and of the member of the Governing Body so deputed make a declaration that she will faithfully perform the duties of her office and observe the Statutes and By-laws of the College in force for the time being.

The Visitor shall deliver to the Principal a written notification that this declaration has been made, and the Principal shall at the earliest opportunity read this notification to the Governing Body.

Age of Retirement and Deprivation.

5. The Principal shall hold office until the thirtieth day of September after she attains the age of sixty-seven years, provided that

(a) the Governing Body shall have power to renew her appointment for a period not exceeding three years by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting held not less than six months before the day on which her office would terminate and called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted ;

(b) the Governing Body shall have power at any time to terminate the appointment of the Principal on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted ; provided that

(i) no termination of appointment shall be made by the Governing Body on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after the Principal shall have been given opportunity to hear from the Governing Body the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose ;

(ii) the Principal shall have the right to appeal to the Visitor against the termination of her appointment by the Governing Body, and his decision shall be final.

Duties

6. The Principal shall exercise general supervision over the conduct, administration, and educational work of the College and shall perform such duties as are or may from time to time be required of her by the Statutes or By-laws of the College or the Statutes of the University.

Discipline

7. The Principal shall be responsible for the discipline of members of the College *in statu pupillari*, provided that no name shall be removed from the books of the College except by the decision of the Governing Body in a Stated Meeting and that such decision shall be final.

Residence

8. The Principal shall reside on the premises of the College for not less than seven calendar months in the Academic year, of which not less than eighteen weeks shall be in University Full Term, unless special leave of absence for illness or other reasonable cause shall be granted by the Governing Body and confirmed by the Visitor.

Emoluments

9. The Principal shall be entitled to board, service, and maintenance of the College premises where she resides free of rent, rates and taxes, throughout the year ; and to such stipend and allowances for expenses as the Governing Body may from time to time determine, provided that the emoluments of the Principal shall not be altered during her tenure of the office without her consent.

Marriage

10. The Principal shall vacate her office by marriage, but shall be eligible for re-election.

III. THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Election

1. The Governing Body shall elect a Vice-Principal from among the Official Fellows for such period as may be determined at the time of election, provided that if at any time she ceases to be an Official Fellow she shall cease to be Vice-Principal. She shall reside in the College during University Full Term unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise.

Precedence & Duties

2. The Vice-Principal shall take precedence of all other Fellows and shall, in the absence of the Principal or during the Principal's incapacity through illness or during a vacancy in the office of Principal, be charged with all the powers and duties of the Principal except where otherwise provided. The Vice-Principal shall be an ex-officio member of such Committees as the Governing Body shall from time to time determine.

Emoluments

3. The stipend and emoluments of the Vice-Principal shall be such as the Governing Body may from time to time determine.

IV. THE FELLOWS

Classes of Fellows

1. The Fellows of the College shall all be women. The Classes of Fellows elected to serve as members of the Governing Body are as follows:-

(a) *Official Fellows*. Any woman holding a teaching or administrative post within the College may be elected to an Official Fellowship as provided by Statute V (Tutors, Lecturers and Administrative Officers). If so elected she shall be a member of the Governing Body.

(b) *Professorial Fellows*. The holder of any Professorship which may be allocated to the College by Hebdomadal Council shall, by virtue of her office, be a Professorial Fellow provided that the College was invited, under the terms of the Statutes of the University relating to the representation of the Women's College at elections to Professorships, to send a representative to the meetings of the Board of Electors by which she was elected to her

Professorship. The Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any Reader or the holder of a University office declared by a Statute of the University to qualify its holder for a Professorial Fellowship. All Professorial Fellows shall be members of the Governing Body.

(c) *Additional Fellows*

(i) Any woman being a University Lecturer or Demonstrator or Departmental Demonstrator not holding a teaching or administrative post within the College, and (ii) any woman being a Scholar distinguished in any branch of learning, may be elected to an Additional Fellowship. If so elected she shall be a member of the Governing Body.

Elections

2. The election of Official, Professorial and Additional Fellows shall be made at a Stated Meeting of the Governing Body by the votes in writing of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. But no election shall be made whereby the total number of Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows would be made to exceed one half of the number of Official Fellows.

Emoluments

3. The Governing Body shall provide for Official Fellows such emoluments as it shall from time to time think fit. The Governing Body may assign to Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows such privileges as regards board, service and residence as it may from time to time think fit and may at its discretion also provide for an Additional Fellow such emolument as it determines at the time of her election.

Seniority

4. The seniority of each Fellow of the College shall be determined by the date of her admission to the Fellowship unless otherwise provided for in any particular case on admission by the Governing Body.

Declaration

5. Every Fellow shall upon her admission as such make a declaration in the presence of the Principal and the Governing Body to the effect that she will be true and faithful to the College, will observe its Statutes and By-laws in force for the time being and will endeavour to promote its interests and studies.

Degree

6. Every Fellow who has received or is entitled to supplicate for the degree of B.A. shall proceed to the degree of M.A. within one year of the earliest date at which she is permitted by the Statutes of the University to do so, unless a special dispensation for a further limited period is granted by the Governing Body.

Tenure

(a) *Official Fellows* shall vacate office on the thirtieth day of September after they attain the age of sixty-two years provided that: -

(i) the Governing Body shall have power to renew their appointment for a period not extending beyond the age of retirement prescribed for the time

being by the University for University appointments and to be specified by the Governing Body at the time of re-appointment ;

(ii) the Governing Body shall have power at any time to deprive a Fellow of her Fellowship on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted; provided that (i) no termination of appointment shall be made by the Governing Body on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after the Fellow shall have been given opportunity to hear the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose ; (ii) the Fellow shall have the right of appeal to the Visitor against the termination of her appointment by the Governing Body and his decision shall be final.

(b) *Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows* holding University Appointments shall hold their Fellowship for the duration of their University Appointments.

(c) The length of tenure of Additional Fellowships which are not held concurrently with University Appointments shall be determined by the Governing Body at the time of election.

Marriage

8. An Official Fellow shall vacate her Fellowship on marriage but shall be eligible for re-election.

Honorary Fellows

9. The Governing Body may elect as an Honorary Fellow any woman whom it may consider worthy of such distinction. Honorary Fellows shall not be entitled to receive any pecuniary emolument but the Governing Body may assign to them such privileges as regards board, service and residence as it may from time to time think fit.

Persons elected to Honorary Fellowships shall not thereby become members of the Governing Body.

Research Fellows and Travelling Fellows.

10. The Governing Body may award a Research Fellowship or a Travelling Fellowship to any woman whom it considers suitable or may approve an award by any other person, body of persons or Committee having the power to award such Fellowships. The persons to whom Research Fellowships and Travelling Fellowships are awarded shall not thereby become members of the Governing Body.

V. TUTORS, LECTURERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

1. The Governing Body shall appoint so many Tutors, Lecturers and Administrative Officers as shall in its judgment be required for the educational and administrative work of the College:

(a) *Tutors*

Appointment and Tenure

(i) Except as hereinafter provided every Tutor shall be appointed in the first instance on probation. The appointment shall in the first instance be for one year and may be renewed for not more than two further probationary periods of one year each. At the expiration of any year of her probationary period a Tutor may be reappointed for a period of five years and, subject to the provisions of Statute IV, Clause 7 (a) above, may thereafter be reappointed for successive periods of five years each. The Governing Body may, by resolution passed at the time of the first appointment by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, dispense with the period of probation and, if it thinks fit, may appoint a Tutor in the first instance for five years. A Tutor who is appointed after the expiration of her probationary period, or who is appointed without any probationary period, shall thereupon become an Official Fellow of the College, and shall be subject to all the provisions of Statute IV relating to Official Fellows.

Notice

(ii) The Governing Body shall give not less than one Term's notice to a Tutor of its intention not to reappoint her at the end of any period for which she has been appointed, except during her probationary period, and in the event of such notice not having been given the period of her appointment shall, if she so desires, be extended so as to terminate at the end of an Academic year after she has received not less than one Term's notice.

Duties

(iii) Every Tutor shall be responsible for the direction and teaching of the pupils assigned to her and shall lecture as required by the Governing Body.

Residence

(iv) Every Tutor shall reside in College during the University full Term unless the Governing Body shall have given her leave of absence or leave to reside elsewhere. She shall be entitled to residence in the College free of rent, rates, and taxes both in Term and Vacation. She shall also be entitled to board and service both in Term and Vacation, except when in the judgment of the Principal, domestic arrangements make this impracticable. A Tutor who has been given leave to reside outside the College walls shall be assigned such allowance in lieu of board, service, and residence as the Governing Body shall determine.

Leave of Absence

(v) Every Tutor shall be entitled to ask the Governing Body for not more than one year's leave of absence in every eight, provided that the first of such vacation years shall not be taken until after seven years' service, or after five years if leave of absence is requested for the purpose of research work approved by the Governing Body, and that the Governing Body may postpone the granting of the request if in its judgment the interests of the College require it. During such absence a Tutor shall receive not less than half her stipend as assessed for the purpose of superannuation, and the College shall pay both parts of her superannuation premium (as hereinafter described.)

(b) *Lecturers*

Appointment

The Governing Body shall also have power to appoint and reappoint Lecturers upon such conditions as to duties, tenure and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their appointment or reappointment.

(c) *Administrative Officers*

Treasurer

(i) The Governing Body shall appoint a Treasurer who shall be charged with all the financial work of the College. She shall be responsible for the annual accounts and audit, and for the performance of such other duties as the Governing Body may from time to time determine. The provisions of paragraphs (i), (ii) and (v) of section (a) of this Clause shall apply to the Treasurer in like manner as they apply to Tutors. The Governing Body shall decide whether the Treasurer shall or shall not be required to live in College.

Bursar and Librarian

(ii) The Governing Body shall appoint a Bursar and assistant Bursar and a Librarian, upon such conditions as to duties, tenure, and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their several appointments subject to any express provision of these Statutes. An officer appointed under the provisions of this Clause, who has held her office for not less than three years, may be elected by the Governing Body to an Official Fellowship by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting. If so elected, she shall be subject to all the provisions of Statute IV relating to Official Fellows.

Dean, Dean of Degrees and other Officers

(iii) The Governing Body shall also elect from among its numbers a Dean and a Dean of Degrees and may appoint such other officers as may from time to time be required upon such conditions as to duties, tenure and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their election.

Compatible Offices

2. The same person may hold at the same time more than one of the offices to which the Governing Body shall or may appoint under the provisions of Statute IV or of Clause 1, (a), (b) and (c), of this Statute.

Tenure

3. Lecturers and Administrative Officers who have not been elected to Official Fellowships shall hold their offices for a period to be determined at the time of their appointment or reappointment, provided that no such appointment or reappointment shall be made for a period longer than five years and provided that no such Lecturer or Officer shall continue in office beyond the thirtieth day of September after she attains the age of sixty-seven years.

Deprivation

4. The Governing Body shall have power at any time to terminate the appointment of a Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer before the expiration of the period for which her appointment was made on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body present and voting at a meeting called with not less than 14 days' notice of the business to be transacted, provided that no Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer shall be deprived of her appointment on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after she shall have been given opportunity to hear from the Governing Body the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose.

Marriage

5. A Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer shall vacate her office on marriage but may be reappointed.

Stipend

6. The stipend of Tutors shall be determined from time to time by a By-law by the Governing Body, provided that the stipend of a Tutor shall not be altered during her tenure of office without her consent.

Stipend

7. The stipend of Lecturers and Administrative Officers and the rates of payment for lectures, tuition and direction shall be determined by the Governing Body.

VI. PENSIONS

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1. The Governing Body shall comply with the regulations of the Central Council administering and controlling the scheme known as the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (in this Statute referred to as the System).

Policies of Assurance

2. The Governing Body shall, save as is provided in Clauses 3 and 4 of this Statute, effect a policy or policies of assurance upon the life of the Principal and all members of the College engaged in teaching, research or administration to whom the System is by the regulations of the said Council for the time being applicable, within three months of their appointment or as soon as is practicable thereafter. When effecting such assurance the Governing Body shall take into account the wishes of the person assured provided that the System is not thereby infringed.

Transfer of Policies

3. The transference to the Governing Body of a policy effected under the System by some other institution shall be deemed to be the equivalent to the effecting of a policy by the Governing Body as required under Clause 2 of this Statute.

Special Cases

4. If it shall appear to the Governing Body that in any special case it is undesirable to effect such a policy or policies it may, with the consent of the person concerned, invest such sums as would be available if such a policy were effected on behalf of the person concerned.

Pensionable Stipend

5. For the purposes of this Statute the salary shall be taken to include the annual value of free board and residence as estimated by the Governing Body in each case, but to exclude the value of any special allowances for expenses.

Supplementation

6. – (a) If it appears to the Governing Body that the benefits applicable under the preceding Clauses of the Statute are inadequate in the case of the Principal or any other assured persons (including any person to whom Clause 7 hereof applies) it may, subject to the provisions of this Clause, make such additional provision for her benefit as it may in its absolute discretion from time to time determine.

(b) No additional provision made for any person under this Clause shall exceed such a sum as will, together with the benefits applicable on her behalf under the preceding Clauses of this Statute, provide an annuity equal to two-thirds of her total annual salary at the date when she ceases to be in the service of the College and payable from that date until the date of her death.

Joint Appointments

7. Where any person comes under the System both under or by virtue of this Statute and also under or by virtue of any Statute of any other College or of any other Statute or Decree of the University, the Governing Body shall, so far as is practicable, enter into an arrangement with the Governing Body of such last-mentioned College or the body or authority designated by such Statute or Decree, as the nature of the case may require, as regards the application of the System to such person, and any such arrangement may provide for the Trusteeship arising under the System being exercised exclusively either by the Governing Body or by such other College or such other body or authority as aforesaid or otherwise as may be necessary or convenient for unifying the administration of the System as regards such person, provided that no such arrangement shall reduce any deduction or contribution provided for by the System as applied by this Statute.

VII. SCHOLARS AND EXHIBITIONERS

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

1. The Governing Body shall offer for competition in each Academic year such a number of open Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions, and in such subjects, as it may from time to time determine. No Entrance Scholarship or Exhibition shall be offered except upon the results of a Competitive Examination, and whenever there is no candidate for a Scholarship or Exhibition whom the examiners judge to be of sufficient merit for election, the Governing Body shall be at liberty to make no election.

College Funds

2. The Governing Body shall determine what sum in addition to any sums provided to Trust Funds or other special endowments shall be set aside out of the general revenues of the College in each Academic year for the provision of Scholarships and Exhibitions.

Number and Emoluments

3. The maximum number of open Scholarships and Exhibitions to be awarded in any year shall be determined annually by the Governing Body before the Examination takes place. Emoluments shall be given only on application from the elected candidates and provided that the Governing Body is satisfied that they are in need of financial assistance. The Governing Body may, however, at any time direct that Scholars and Exhibitioners shall be entitled to receive a prescribed allowance without application or enquiry into means. The maximum value of the above emoluments and allowances shall be laid down in the By-laws of the College.

Award without Emolument

4. A Scholar or Exhibitioner who has not been awarded or who has resigned the emoluments of her Scholarship or Exhibition shall still be counted within the total number of Scholars and Exhibitioners determined under Clause 3 of this Statute.

Review of Financial Position

5. The Governing Body may, in appropriate circumstances, review the financial position and needs of a Scholar or Exhibitioner in receipt of emoluments and may, at its discretion, after such a review, either diminish or increase to any sum not exceeding the total value of the emolument permitted by the current By-law, provided that no reduction shall be made in consideration of any University Scholarship or Prize won by her or any other University emolument gained in open competition.

Privileges

6. Scholars and Exhibitioners shall be entitled to enjoy such privileges in respect of board and residence as may from time to time be provided in the By-laws of the College

Residence

7. Every person elected to a Scholarship or Exhibition shall, if she be not already a member of the University, come into residence at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term next following the day of election unless the Governing Body shall otherwise determine; and no Scholar or Exhibitioner shall be entitled to receive the emoluments attached to her Scholarship or Exhibition in any Term in which she shall not have resided for the period required by the University to keep that Term by residence, provided that the Governing Body shall have power to pay the whole or any part of her emoluments to a Scholar or Exhibitioner for any Term in which, with the permission of the Governing Body, she is not in residence.

Tenure

8. Every Entrance Scholarship or Exhibition shall be tenable in the first instance for two years from the day on which the Scholar or Exhibitioner shall come into residence, or, if she be already a member of the University, from the day of election to such Scholarship or Exhibition. At the expiration of two years it shall determine,

unless the Governing Body shall by resolution have declared itself satisfied with the industry and good conduct of the Scholar or Exhibitioner, in which case her Scholarship or Exhibition shall be renewed for a further period of one year, and may thereafter be renewed for one further year at the discretion of the Governing Body. The tenure may further be extended to a fifth year in exceptional circumstances if the funds of the College permit.

9. If a Scholar or Exhibitioner be guilty of neglect of her studies or of any other misconduct, the Governing Body may deprive her at any time of Her Scholarship or Exhibition. The Governing Body may also, if it thinks fit for disciplinary reasons, reduce or suspend the emoluments of a Scholar or Exhibitioner.

Illness

10. The Governing Body may suspend the tenure of a Scholarship or Exhibition, in the case of the illness of the holder, for the duration of the illness or such longer time as it may determine.

Marriage

11. Any Scholar or Exhibitioner who marries may be required by the Governing Body to vacate her Scholarship or Exhibition.

Change of Subject

12. A Scholar or Exhibitioner, even though elected on the result of an examination in a particular subject, may pursue a course of study for any Honour School of the University provided that she shall have satisfied the Governing Body that she is well qualified to do so with profit.

Awards to Undergraduates in Residence

13. The Governing Body may elect to a Scholarship or Exhibition an undergraduate member of the College already in residence whose work in its judgment has been of outstanding distinction.

Senior Awards

14. The Governing Body may award Senior or Research Scholarships upon such terms and conditions as it may determine.

VIII. DISPOSAL OF REVENUES

University Statute as to College Contributions

1. The application of the revenues of the College under the provisions and to the purposes of these Statutes shall be subject to any Statute or Statutes made for the University under the powers of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, for enabling or requiring the colleges to make contributions out of their revenues for University purposes, and for the payment of charges imposed thereby.

Reserve Fund

2. The Governing Body may out of Corporate Revenues not required for the purpose of these Statutes set apart from time to time such sum as it may think fit to form a

reserve fund for new or additional College buildings or repairs to College buildings, or for acquiring or providing houses or buildings to be occupied and used in connection with the College and for College purposes, or for other desirable or necessary expenditure for College purposes, provided that the sum so set apart in any year shall not be allowed as a deduction from the sum upon which the contributions of the College for University purposes in that year are assessed.

IX. POWERS OF INVESTMENT

Scope

1. This Statute shall apply to all funds and endowments of the College which are not held subject to any specific trust.

Powers of Investment

2. The Funds to which this Statute applies may (subject as hereinafter provided) be invested by the Governing Body upon or in such securities, shares, stocks, funds or other investments in any part of the world and whether involving liability or not as the Governing Body shall in their absolute discretion think fit so that the Governing Body shall be empowered to invest and transpose the investments of such funds in the same unrestricted manner as if they were the beneficial owners thereof.

Limitations

3. Provided that:

(a) Any investment made under the foregoing power of capital moneys paid to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Universities and College Estates Act, 1925, or of funds representing such capital moneys shall require the same consent of the said Minister as is required for an investment made in exercise of the powers confirmed by that Act.

(b) Nothing in this Statute shall authorise any sale or exchange to which the consent of the said Minister is required by subsection (2) of the Section 2 of the Universities and College Estates Act, 1925.

Investment Committee

4. The Finance Committee shall appoint an Investment Committee to give advice in the formulation of investment policy. This committee shall consist of the Principal, the Treasurer, one member elected from among the members of the Finance committee for the time being, one other member with proved experience of financial and economic affairs and the College broker.

X. ACCOUNTS

Accounts

1. The Governing Body shall cause the accounts of the College to be kept in proper books of account in such a form as to enable them to be duly checked and balanced. Separate accounts shall be kept of all special trust funds held for the general benefit of the College or for particular purposes in connection therewith.

Audit

2. The accounts of the College shall be audited annually by an Auditor who is a member of one of the bodies of accountants for the time being recognised for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 1948. The audited accounts together with a Financial Report from the Treasurer shall be presented to the Governing Body after the end of each financial year.

Publication

3. The Governing Body shall in every year cause to be prepared and delivered to the Registrar of the University for publication such information relative to the accounts of the College as may be prescribed from time to time by any Statute of the University in force for the time being.

XI. PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Representations by the Hebdomadal Council

1. If at any time it appears to the Hebdomadal Council of the University that any provisions of these Statutes or of any other Statutes of the College in force for the time being respecting the accounts of the College, or any other provision of such Statutes by the non-observance of which any interest of the University is liable to be prejudicially affected, is not duly observed, the Hebdomadal Council may submit to the Visitor, and the Visitor shall, upon receiving such representation, inquire into the matter, and, after considering any representation made by the Governing Body, make such order therein as he shall deem just for enforcing the due observance of the said Statute in the matter to which the representation shall relate.

Representations as to Research Fellowships

2. The Hebdomadal Council may in like manner make a representation to the Visitor if it shall appear that regard is not had by the College in electing Research Fellows to the requirements of the different branches of study pursued in the University, or that any of the provisions of Statute IV of these Statutes are not duly observed by the College.

Notice to the Principal

3. Before any representation is made under the foregoing provisions, the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate the matter of the proposed representation to the Principal for the information of the Governing Body, and when a representation is made shall forthwith send her a copy of it.

Amendment to the Statutes

4. Every proposal for a change in the Statutes of the College in force for the time being or in the Charter of the College shall be communicated to the Hebdomadal Council before it is submitted to Her Majesty in Council, and the Governing Body, in forwarding the draft Statute as amended for the approval of Her Majesty, shall state expressly that it has been so communicated.

Consent of University

5. No Statute made by the Governing Body and affecting the University shall be altered except with the consent of the University.

XII. THE VISITOR

1. The Chancellor of the University for the time being shall be the Visitor of the College.
2. The Visitor may, whenever he shall think fit, visit the College and exercise at any such visitation all powers lawfully belonging to his office, and may also at any time make inquiries and require an answer in writing upon any matter relative to the due observance of the Statutes of the College.
3. If any question shall arise upon which the Government Body is unable to agree, depending wholly or in part upon the construction of any of the Statutes of the College, the Governing Body or the Principal or any four members of the Governing Body may submit the same to the Visitor, and the Visitor shall thereupon declare the true construction of the Statutes with reference to the case submitted to him.
4. The Visitor may, either on his own motion or on a representation by the Principal or by any four members of the Governing Body, disallow any By-law or resolution of the Governing Body which is, in his judgment, repugnant to the Charter or the Statutes of the College.
5. The Principal or any Fellow of the College, if aggrieved by any act of the Governing Body, may appeal to the Visitor and the Visitor shall adjudicate on the appeal, and may confirm, reverse, or vary the act or decision as he deems just.
6. The Visitor shall have power at any time at his discretion, on the application or request in writing of the Principal and any three members of the Governing body, absolutely to make valid and confirm anything done that might be done under the Statutes for the time being of the College, but which by reason of any irregularity or omission or other matter whatever preliminary thereto or connected therewith may be invalid or of doubtful validity, if in the judgment of the Visitor such irregularity or omission or other matter is not one of substantial importance with reference to the thing proposed to be made valid or confirmed.

XIII. EXISTING INTERESTS

These Statutes shall not affect or prejudice any existing interest of the Principal or of any Fellow, Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer of the College who holds office when these Statutes come into effect.

XIV. ROSALIND, COUNTESS OF CARLISLE FELLOWSHIP, 1912

Notwithstanding any provision heretofore affecting the same contained in the Will of the late Dowager Lady Carlisle the following regulations shall apply to elections to the Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle Fellowship, namely

(a) The Fellows shall be elected by the Governing Body, with or without special examination, with a view to research or the pursuit of learning in one or more of the following subjects: Latin and Greek Language and Literature, Classical Archaeology, Ancient History, Mental, Moral and Political Philosophy, Medieval History, Modern History, Economic History, Economic Theory, Natural Science, and Mathematics.

(b) While preference shall be given to a woman who shall fulfil the conditions prescribed by the Will of the late Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, the Fellowship is open to all woman graduates and who are judged by the Governing Body to be likely to contribute to scholarship in one of the above mentioned subjects.

(c) It is tenable for a period of five years and is renewable for another period of five years, or less. It may, however, at the end of any year be terminated if the Governing Body judges that the objects of the Fellowship are not being satisfactorily carried out.

(d) If, on the occasion of a vacancy, no thoroughly suitable candidate presents herself, the Fellowship shall remain vacant.

(e) Except by special dispensation of the Governing Body, the Fellow shall (1) reside in College during at least four academic years out of the five, (2) shall not engage in regular teaching or other professional work.

XV. REPEAL AND AMENDMENT

1. The existing Statutes of the College and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
2. These Statutes shall be subject to alteration in the manner provided in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923.

We testify that the seal of the Somerville College, in the University of Oxford was affixed in our presence.

JANET VAUGHAN,
Principal.

MARY PROUDFOOT,
Treasurer.