

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Gresham (City Side)	25 May 2012	
Subject: Gresham College Council Membership	Public	
Report of: The Town Clerk	For Decision	
<u>Summary</u>		
<p>This report asks Members to consider the appointment of two of its four representatives on the Gresham College Council for the next four years.</p>		
Recommendation		
<p>Members are asked to consider and approve the appointment of four representatives onto the Gresham College Council for four-year terms which will commence on 31 August 2012 and expire in 2016.</p> <p>The Committee are also asked to approve arrangements for appointing its ‘voting Member’ and to agree that ‘in future, the City Side should be represented usually by its Chairman for the Time Being, or in the Chairman’s absence by the Deputy Chairman for the Time Being, and/or such other Member of the City Side as may be nominated by the Committee’ as was previously the case.</p>		

Gresham College Council - Appointments

1. The Gresham College Council meets approximately five times a year to approve financial matters relating to the academic programme that is proposed to it by the College’s Academic Board.
2. The Mercers’ and the City Side can each appoint up to four Directors to the Council of the Gresham College for a four-year term. The Council itself can then also appoint further Directors. The City Side’s current representatives are:
 - Deputy Anthony Eskenzi (first appointed in 2008)
 - Alderman Alison Gowman[†] (appointed in 2004)
 - Simon Duckworth (appointed in 2009 to serve the remainder of a four year term)

- Tom Hoffman (appointed in 2009 to serve the remainder of a four year term)

Background

3. The Court of Common Council agreed that City Side appointments to the College Council should be Members of the Court but they do not necessarily need to be Members of the Committee, and you will note that one representative, Alderman Alison Gowman, is no longer on this Committee. However, the Chairman has previously suggested that it might be preferable for new representatives to be Members of the Committee as dealing closely with the Committee's work may assist them in better representing its concerns.
4. The revised Articles provide that each Director, including all serving at the date of adoption of the Articles (i.e. 31 August 2004) shall be appointed for a term of four years ("first term"), and can then be re-appointed for a further four years at the discretion of the Mercers' or the City Side, as the case may be, subject only to where a Director reaches the age of 75 years, he or she can only complete their term of office if approved by the Gresham College Council on an annual basis.

Current Position

5. When your Committee last considered these appointments en bloc, in February 2008, the Comptroller and City Solicitor confirmed that the four City Side 'Directors' at the time (Archie Galloway, Tom Jackson, Patrick Roney and Alderman Gowman) were serving their "first term" of four years with effect from 31 August 2004, and the Academic Registrar at Gresham College confirmed that its Nominations Committee had requested an extension of the terms for Archie Galloway, Alderman Alison Gowman and Tom Jackson. Your Committee agreed to appoint those three Members to a second term in August 2008 and also agreed to appoint Deputy Anthony Eskenzi to his first four-year term, all of which would end on 31 August 2012.
6. Two vacancies were later created as two of those Members originally appointed in 2008 were not re-elected to the Court of Common Council in the 2009 elections. The Comptroller and City Solicitor at the time stated that it would be preferable for the newly appointed Members (Simon Duckworth and Tom Hoffman) to continue with the existing four-year terms so that all the terms expired at the same time, on 31 August 2012.

7. As Council members may serve a maximum term of eight years, Deputy Eskenzi, Simon Duckworth and Tom Hoffman would all be eligible for reappointment for a second four year term but Alderman Alison Gowman, first appointed with effect from 31 August 2004, is not.
8. You are now asked to consider nominating four Members to the Gresham College Council for four year terms.

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