

Committee	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	2 June 2017
Subject: Gresham College Council Appointments	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

This report asks Members to consider the appointment of representatives on the Gresham College Council.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the appointment of representatives onto the Gresham College Council.

Main Report

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.

Background

3. The Court of Common Council agreed that City Side appointments to the College Council should be Members of the Court. Although they do not necessarily need to be members of the Committee, this has previously been the case.
4. At the last meeting in February, Members noted that, as the College becomes more active and looks to expansion, more visible segregation from an external viewpoint was required between Members in their roles as funders and as directors of the College. As such, the proposal was for the Court of Common Council to nominate Directors from the wider Court Membership (not from the Gresham Committee) via a phased approach.
5. Members are now asked to confirm these arrangements. If approved, the two vacant appointments to the Gresham College Council would be made by the Court of Common Council at their meeting in July.

Current Position

			Appointed in:	Term length	End dates
John	Scott	CoLC	2016	4 years	2020
Giles	Shilson	CoLC	2014 2016	Remainder of term (2 yrs) 4 years	2016 2020
Tom	Hoffman	CoLC	2009 2012 2016	Remainder of term (3 yrs) 4 years 1 year	2012 2016 2017
Simon	Duckworth	CoLC	2009 2012 2016	Remainder of term (3 yrs) 4 years 1 year	2012 2016 2017

6. 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.
7. As Council members may serve a maximum term of eight years:
- John Scott and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson’s terms continue until 2020;
 - Simon Duckworth and Tom Hoffman, first appointed in 2009, have now completed 8 years in total and so are **not eligible for reappointment**.

Appendices

None.

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