

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor K. Ramanna, Dr. R. James, Dr. K. Juchems, Mr C. D'Urso (MCR President), Mr P. Fernandes (JCR President), Ms Z. Hussain (JCR Vice-President), Mr. L. Hinley (JCR Secretary)

Apologies: Professor S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor W. Mattli, Professor D. Martin, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor C. Newton, Professor Sir. R. Collins, Professor G. Rose

In attendance: Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps

**ACTION****AGENDA 'A'**1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were **approved**.

2. Sustainable Finance

The President briefed the Governing Body on the Ethical Investments Working Group. The Working Group had agreed to: sign the Global Investor Statement on Climate Change; commend the Oxford Martin School principles for climate-conscious investment as a framework to consider engagement; support the creation of a dedicated research post at Oxford to develop methodology and metrics to track and measure net-zero plans and report on progress; use tobacco as a divestment case study and discuss findings at the next meeting and its remit. A summary of the meeting would be posted on the intranet.

**PRESIDENT**

The President introduced Dr. Ben Caldecott, Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme at the University of Oxford Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment.

Dr Caldecott discussed the principles of responsible investment and the various frameworks (such as the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Framework and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals) that asset-owners could use to influence companies' policies and actions as effectively as possible. He noted that investor and NGO campaigns were able to make an impact, especially when combined with policy regulation. He saw cause for optimism, noting that ten per cent of banks were now viewing climate change in a strategic way.

The Principal Bursar welcomed the timely and detailed re-examination of the issues around responsible investment. He highlighted the College's role as a long-term investor with the ability to look at a range of opportunities that offered long-term value.

3. Ball Steering Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 were received.

The Senior Dean would ask Dr Campbell to add the possible cancellation of the Ball to the College's strategic risk register.

**SENIOR DEAN**

4. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to the commencement of a de-accessioning process in consultation with and the prior approval of subject tutors.

**FELLOW LIBRARIAN**

It was also **agreed** to purchase the services of Silktide to check on the accessibility of the College's websites [].

**IT FELLOW**

The revised arrangements for end-of-term Presidential Collections in Michaelmas Term were noted.

5. Trinity Term 2020 Calendar

The Trinity Term Calendar was **approved**.

6. Any other business

The President noted that the MCR President's valedictory address had been postponed as he was standing for re-election.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

7. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were received.

8. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by email circulation on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were received.