

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 2.00 p.m. remotely via Microsoft Teams.

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 S. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor N. Jones, Dr. D. Sprengel (ECR Representative), Mr C. D'Urso (MCR President), Mr. E. O'Leary (JCR President), Ms. T. Daemi (JCR Vice-President), Ms. A. Hegarty (JCR Secretary)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor A. Russell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor Sir. R. Collins, Professor E. Wonnacott,

In attendance: Dr. S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Mrs E. Marston, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 2nd December 2020 were **approved**.

2. President's Update

The President reported that a phased return College for Junior Members was being planned, with those sitting examinations prioritised. The College had informed students a little before the formal University announcement, stressing that all plans were still provisional ahead of the Prime Minister's roadmap for the easing of lockdown (which was due to be briefed on 22nd February).

The President also reported a concern about the loss of a sense of community due to the pandemic, particularly for this year's Freshers. The Academic Administrator and Welfare Dean would hold four half-hour briefings with students on how examinations were organised to help allay their concerns and Freshers would also be offered a one-to-one session on their well-being plans and academic skills. The President encouraged tutors to discuss any issues with their students.

The JCR and MCR Presidents offered their thanks to tutors, noting that students had integrated very well academically in difficult circumstances.

The Library's 'click and collect' service continued to operate well and Perspex screens were on order to increase the distance between desks with a view to reopening study spaces (with a longer booking slot) soon.

The Race and Equality Advisory Group had met again and good progress was being made across three areas (access, student experience and progression), with much interest in the idea of a BAME network.

The President also noted thanks to catering staff for continuing to feed everyone in College so well.