

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 2.00 p.m. remotely via Microsoft Teams.

**Present:** The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor S. R. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, 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 E. Wonnacott, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr. S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor B. Stevenson, Dr S. Derbyshire (ECR Representative), Dr J. Richards (ECR Representative), Ms A. Baazaoui (MCR President), Ms A. Ramesh (MCR President-Elect), Ms. M. Friedmann (MCR Vice-President), Mr S. Lalanne (MCR Vice-President-Elect), Ms A, Bhaluani (JCR President), Mr O. Erder (JCR Secretary)

**Apologies:** Professor R. G. Compton, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Starinets, Professor H. Skoda, Professor A. Russell, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor J.J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins

**In attendance:** Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were **approved**.

The President welcomed Ms Ramesh (MCR President-Elect) and Mr Lalanne (MCR Vice-President-Elect) to the meeting.

2. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to migrate the College's image/photo library from the existing old version (which was hosted in College) to a new cloud-hosted version maintained by the developers Montala [ ].

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**3. Trinity Term 2022 Calendar

The Trinity Term Calendar was received.

4. Valedictory Address – MCR President

The outgoing MCR President reflected on the changes – and progress – in College over the past year and the arrival, almost, of a new normal. She highlighted what had been learnt from the pandemic and the challenging circumstances it had brought, noting first the importance of fostering the College community and sense of belonging, and the importance of bringing the

community back together She pointed out the importance of recognising that graduate students lived and worked in Oxford throughout the year and that, as a result, graduate accommodation should be a top priority for College. The lack of private rental accommodation in Oxford had been exacerbated by the pandemic and had made it all the more important that every graduate who wished to stay in College accommodation should have the opportunity to do so.

The pandemic had also accelerated the importance of digital infrastructure. Ms Baazaoui noted recent achievements, including the ability to top up Bod cards online and the successful implementation of the KX system. She suggested that a St John's app where all relevant information about College life might be accessed from menus to events and an audio guide to College artworks.

Ms Baazaoui especially thanked the President, Senior Tutor, Fellow for Graduates, Principal Bursar and Domestic Bursar for their support. She also thanked all the Fellows and College staff that the MCR had worked closely with over the past year. In closing, she particularly thanked the MCR Committee who, despite myriad challenges, had organised a broad range of events to bring the community together during a difficult time.

The President thanked the MCR President and the outgoing MCR Committee. She noted that it had been a time of great change and the MCR President had been instrumental in helping the College to move forward both during and after the pandemic. The MCR's priorities also matched the College's ambitions. She noted her pleasure that an MCR Academic Officer had been appointed and that there was now a more cohesive programme of academic events.

#### **BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

##### 5. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were received.

The President drew Governing Body's attention to the College's updated equality objectives.