

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor C. Whistler, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor M-S. Omri, Dr G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, 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, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr J. Richards, Dr S. Derbyshire

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor A. Wright, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor B. Stevenson

In attendance: Professor Dame S. Black, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The President welcomed members of Governing Body to their first in-person meeting since March 2020. She also welcomed Professor Black, President-Elect, to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 9th March 2022 were **approved**.

2. Research Committee

The minutes of a meeting of the Committee held by email circulation were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** grants for Professor R. Ekins as follows:

- a) a Visiting Researcher Grant to invite Professor Twomey (University of Sydney) in Michaelmas Term 2022, with temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme [];
- b) a Visiting Researcher Grant to invite Professor Webber (Queen's University Ontario) from 16th April to 24th June 2023, with temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme [].

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH3. Elections to Scholarships Trinity Term 2022

The Governing Body **agreed** to elect to scholarships the following undergraduates who had achieved Distinction/First Class in their First Public Examination:

- a) Samuel Gunatilleke (Physics);
- b) Sorcha Finan (PPL);
- c) Antonia Sundrup (Law with Law Studies in Europe);

d) Katherine Wang (EP).

SENIOR TUTOR

4. College EJRA Panel

The President updated the Governing Body on the progress of the University's EJRA Review. She also reported that she had convened a College EJRA Panel under the chairmanship of Professor Whittaker and including Professors Wright and Southwood.

PRESIDENT

5. Support for CARA and Ukrainian scholars

The Senior Tutor reported that he had written to the Campaign for At-Risk Academics (CARA) to find out how best to support Ukrainian scholars and to repeat the offer made previously in support of Afghan scholars. He noted that visa delays were impeding progress on scholars' applications. He was investigating other schemes and would also look into a new British Academy scheme.

A University scheme to offer support to graduate students for the 2022/23 academic year had also been developed, with the University waiving fees and colleges covering other costs, and the Senior Tutor was discussing fundraising options with the Director for Development and Alumni Relations. It was noted that this scheme planned to offer one-year's support but that a longer-term commitment might need to be considered.

SENIOR TUTOR

6. Flying the Ukrainian flag

The President noted that the College's flag protocol allowed for the flying of flags to mark dates that were significant in the College's history, the deaths of College members, dates that were significant in the UK (St George's Day, the Queen's birthday), and on days linked to protected characteristics under the Equality Act (Progress flag and International Disability Day flag). A number of staff, students and Fellows had asked that the College fly the Ukrainian flag as a number of other colleges were doing. She had not wished to do this without fuller discussion by the Governing Body.

The Governing Body **agreed** that it wished to show solidarity with all people caught up conflicts across the world and that the Refugee Flag would be flown for World Refugee Week (20–26 June). The President would communicate this decision to the JCR and MCR Presidents.

PRESIDENT

7. Fitness to Study procedures

The President reported that draft Guidance for Fitness to Study Procedures had been circulated by the Conference of Colleges for consultation. The President invited Fellows to send their feedback to the Senior Tutor. The procedures would be discussed further at the meeting of Educational Policy Committee in 2nd Week.

It was noted that the structure and terms of reference of the Disciplinary Panel would need to be reviewed.

PRESIDENT and SENIOR TUTOR

8. GDPR

The Governing Body **approved** the *Privacy Notice for Applicants and Prospective Students* and the *Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents, Guardians, Teachers and School Staff involved in Access and Outreach Programmes*.

The Principal Bursar would discuss how GDPR issues would be handled if the Inspire outreach project were to be evaluated in a project requiring ethical review.

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PRINCIPAL BURSAR and FELLOW FOR ACCESS & OUTREACH