

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor G. Gottlob, 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 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 N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr. S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Dr J. Richards (ECR Representative), Mr S. Lalanne (MCR Vice-President), Mr A. Hangchi (JCR President), Ms. A. Bhaluani (JCR Vice-President), Mr O. Erder (JCR Secretary), Mr M. Barrett (JCR Treasurer), Ms F. Neave (Ball Co-President), Ms. A. Coomarasamy (Ball Co-President)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor C. Whistler, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor A. Russell, Professor J.J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor C. Beem, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor B. Stevenson, Dr S. Derbyshire

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'A'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

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

The President welcomed Mr Hangchi (JCR President) and the Ball Co-Presidents to the meeting.

2. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2022 were received.

3. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2022 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to purchase two Yamaha YUS5 SH2 pianos [].

MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS OFFICER

It was noted that the 'St John's College and Mid-Century Modernism' seminar had been rescheduled to 7 September 2022.

The President thanked Ms Bhaluani for her support at the recent President's Concert, which had been a very successful event. She also recommended the new tapestry, 'St John's Primer', by artist Mary Lum. This was now displayed in the Library and Study Centre.

She noted that Junior Members were planning to restart the Mummings but possibly with a different name. She suggested that the JCR President talk to the Director of Development and

Alumni Relations about this first as a number of alumni were very wedded to the longtime name of the drama club.

JCR PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

4. 2023 Commemoration Ball Preliminary Proposal

The Ball Co-Presidents presented a preliminary proposal for a Commemoration Ball, noting that, as the last Ball had been cancelled due to the pandemic, this would be the first ball for six years. It was scheduled for 24 June 2023. The Ball Committee planned to make the event the cheapest and most accessible to date and proposed an increase in the number of attendees from 1600 to 1800 to help keep ticket prices low.

Governing Body was reminded that the College had carried full financial responsibility for the cancelled Ball and had had to cover a significant deficit. Putting on a ball also required considerable effort from a wide range of staff members, including the gardeners, the Bursary, the porters and domestic staff. As a result, it was important that Governing Body was sure it wished to proceed with the event. The previous Ball had also not been fully supported by the JCR with the 'Ball for all' scheme not being co-subsidised.

It was noted that other colleges had cheaper, more accessible summer events and that a similar event at St John's would fit better both with the current economic climate and with the College's overall focus on access and fair admissions.

The Governing Body asked the Ball Co-Presidents to reconsider the proposal both with regard to its overall aim and specifically the cost of the event.

BALL CO-PRESIDENTS