

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were **approved**.

The Governing Body continued the discussion of the proposal for the St John's Commemoration Ball and confirmed its view that a simpler, less costly event could be supported and would be in line with similar events in the wider sector. The President would follow up with the Ball Co-Presidents.

**PRESIDENT**2. Election to Official Fellowship in Chemistry

Dr Robert Hoye was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Chemistry, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st October 2022.

**PRESIDENT**3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were received.

In light of Professor Larrington's retirement at the end of the 2022/23 academic year, the Governing Body **agreed** that a) the College would bid for association with the upcoming APTF-C in English and that, if the bid proved to be unsuccessful, b) the College would seek to appoint to a College-only Supernumerary Fellowship (with membership of Governing Body) in Medieval English (640 –1550).

**SENIOR TUTOR**

The President noted that AdCom had voted in favour of virtual interviews for the December 2022 admissions round.

4. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Kendrew Fund underspend from 2019–20 and 2020–21 should be used to fund Dr von Wiehler as Director of the Oxford Alternative Orchestra with: a stipend [] for the planning and conducting of concert and recital activities in 2022/23; a budget [] allocated for the operating expenses of the orchestra and recital series; and three weeks of out-of-term College accommodation.

This arrangement would be for one year in the first instance and would then be reviewed alongside the College's wider strategy for the arts.

**MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS OFFICER**

5. Annual Report of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The Director of Development and Alumni Relations reported on his team's activity in fundraising, stewardship and alumni relations. He noted that new funds raised this year were significantly higher than last year and one of the best years on record. He highlighted the increased engagement of donors and the effective stewardship activities conducted by his team.

Online events had proved very popular with alumni and Fellows' support for more of these would be very much appreciated.

The President congratulated the team on their achievements. She noted that an annual calendar of all events would make it easier for Fellows to plan and to engage in alumni events. She suggested that feasts might move to a Friday night rather than a Wednesday, alternating so as not to disadvantage Jewish members of College.

6. Casberd Scholarships: new awards, Trinity Term 2022

The Governing Body **agreed** to elect Samuel Gunatilleke, Sorcha Finan, Antonia Sundrup and Katherine Wang to Casberd Scholarships.

The Senior Tutor reminded Tutors that they could recommend students for scholarships.

**SENIOR TUTOR**

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

7. Oxford North Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were received.

8. Entertainments Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were received.

9. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held by e-mail circulation on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were received.

10. Appointment to a College Lectureship in Russian

Dr Tamar Koplataдзе had been appointed jointly with Christ Church and Magdalen College.

11. Appointment to a Lectrice in French

Ana Stoienescu had been appointed jointly with The Queen's College.

12. Appointment to a Lektorin in German

Nadine Buchmann had been appointed jointly with St Catherine's College and The Queen's College.