

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Friday 7th July 2023 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, 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, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Wonnacott, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr K. Doornik, Dr. Z. Cai (ECR Representative), Dr J. Richards (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor D. Martin, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor L. Pratt, Professor G. Rose, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr S. Campbell, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor R. Lall, Professor L. Hunt, Professor K. J. Patel,

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 20th June 2023 were **approved**.

In matters arising, the President thanked all who had put their names forward for the Long Vacation Committee, Governance Working Party and Masterplan Working Party. She also thanked those who had indicated their willingness to serve on a future Academic Structures Working Party.

It was noted that, if the Governance Working Party required legal advice, it would recommend this to Governing Body for approval and further input before taking such advice.

The Provost for Academic Affairs reported that a new APTF role in Physical Geography and Climate Science had been approved by the Social Sciences Division and would be circulated to Colleges for expressions of interest.

2. Statutes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2023 were received.

The Statutes Officer briefed Governing Body on the current mismatch between the Statutes and employment law and the consequent need for updating. The redraft of Statute XV also made the content more subject to control by By-Laws and therefore easier to keep up to date.

The Governing Body **approved** in principle the revised Statute XV – Academic Staff and the associated By-Laws. Formal approval would be at a specially convened meeting of Governing Body in Michaelmas Term.

It was also **agreed** to check the revised Statute against the relevant University Statute to ensure that no further revisions were required.

STATUTES OFFICER

3. President's Annual Review

The President left the meeting.

The Vice-President briefed the Governing Body on the process for the President's Annual Review, a process that she had initiated herself, and noted the volume of activities undertaken and the amount of time involved. She thanked Sir Nigel Carrington, Chair of Remuneration Committee, for his assistance with the review.

The President had made a number of recommendations for the future review process and for her priorities in the next year. Members of Governing Body were asked to make any suggestions directly to the Vice-President.

GOVERNING BODY

The President returned to the meeting.

The Vice-President thanked the President, on behalf of Governing Body, for her tremendous commitment to and leadership of the College over the past year, and congratulated her on all she had achieved, including her election as a Fellow of the Royal Society.

4. Any other business

The Steward of Common Room reported that Tim Webber, SCR Front of House Manager, intended to retire after forty years at St John's in 2024. The Domestic Bursar would consult on succession planning. There would be a suitable celebration in due course.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

5. Oxford University Innovation

A presentation showing the University's returns from innovation was received.