

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday, 8th March 2023 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor K. Southwood, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr M. Nicholls, Dr E. Wonnacott, Professor N. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Dr J. Richards (ECR Representative), Ms A. Ramesh (MCR President), Mr P. Breeze (JCR President)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor P. Maini, The Revd Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Ms S. Layburn, Professor A. Russell, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Hoye, Dr Z. Cai (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Mrs I Burke

AGENDA 'A'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 15th February 2023 were **approved**. There were no matters arising.

2. Ball Steering Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023 were received. Professor Jones reported that preparations were progressing well. It was noted that the production company had offered a discount [] to be applied to the total cost.

3. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023 were received. The Senior Tutor highlighted the new non-academic misconduct disciplinary procedure. It followed closely the template provided by Conference of Colleges that had already been adopted by a number of colleges and on which Council's opinion had been sought.

The Governing Body **agreed** to adopt the non-academic misconduct disciplinary procedure with effect from Trinity Term 2023.

SENIOR TUTOR

4. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023 were received. The Senior Tutor drew attention to in-person, typed exams, which would mostly be a matter for the University and Departments but that would also require some liaison with colleges.

5. Trinity Term 2023 Calendar

The Junior Members' Calendar for Trinity Term 2023 was received.

6. Valedictory Address – MCR President

The outgoing MCR President reflected on the challenges and achievements during her term of office. She highlighted the ongoing need for inclusivity within the MCR and fostering relationships between the ECR and MCR community. She suggested that College might consider extending academic and grant support to graduates who were outside their fee-paying period but still in the process of formally completing their studies as this was a particular stressful time.

Access to stable and affordable accommodation was another area of concern to graduates, and the College's longer-term plans of extending graduate accommodation was welcomed. However, College should think about the current graduate cohort that did not yet benefit from extended College accommodation, especially during the cost-of-living crisis. She welcomed that Library services had become more accessible for graduate students with longer opening hours and the plans to recruit a full-time Head of Student Welfare who would also be available outside of term time.

The outgoing MCR President thanked the current and former President for listening to MCR concerns and fostering a sense of community. She also thanked the Principal Bursar, Senior Tutor and Domestic Bursar for their support, the latter often being the first port of call for many issues, as well as all the staff and College Officers who interacted regularly with the MCR.

On behalf of Governing Body the President thanked the outgoing MCR President for her work and commitment given to MCR.

7. Any other business

The Steward of the SCR reminded senior members to complete the online SCR survey and about the upcoming AGM.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS - TO NOTE

8. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2023 were received.

9. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2023 were received.