

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the Garden Quad Reception Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor C. Whistler, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor E. Wonnacott, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Dr Z. Cai (ECR Representative), Dr J. Richards (ECR Representative), Mr S. Lalanne (MCR Vice-President), Mr A. Hangchi (JCR President), Mr P. Breeze (JCR President-Elect)

Apologies: Professor R. G. Compton, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor D. Martin, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor L. Pratt, Professor G. Rose, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor L. Hunt

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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

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

The President noted that the meeting was being held as a trial in the Garden Quad Reception Room to recognise the needs of members of Governing Body with hearing impairment and to improve the acoustic experience for all.

2. Ball Steering Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2022 were received.

Professor Jones reported on progress. It was noted that there would be consultation about the need for students taking exams in Week 9 to vacate their rooms.

The Governing Body **agreed** the request for extended vacation residence for the Saturday of Week 8 in Trinity Term and the Monday of Week 10.

PROFESSOR JONES

3. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2022 were received.

4. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2022 were received.

5. Educational Policy Committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2022 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that:

- a) the College would provide an in-person offer holders' visit day during the 2023 Easter Vacation, with an alternative online provision to be offered to those unable to attend;
- b) the Inspire travel grants would be extended to cover the offer holder open day.

A budget [] was further **agreed** for the events, to include the cost of travel, accommodation, and payment for twenty Student Ambassadors, overnight accommodation for offer holders living more than seventy miles from Oxford, and lunch and other refreshments for those taking part.

It was noted that tutors might wish to be involved in the open day.

FELLOW FOR ADMISSIONS

It was also **agreed** to host the Opportunity Oxford Summer School due to take place during 2023, with the use of College resources to be offered at a subsidised rate [] that would be cost neutral to the College.

FELLOW FOR ACCESS

6. Hilary Term 2023 Calendar

The draft Hilary Term Calendar was approved.

7. JCR President's Valedictory Address

Mr Hangchi noted that he had not imagined himself getting involved with the Junior Common Room Committee a year ago but that, after the challenges of the pandemic, he had wanted to help rebuild a robust JCR.

He highlighted the transformation he had seen in the relationship between the College and the JCR. He emphasised the positive impact that had been achieved by focusing on the needs of the student body, including a raft of new JCR policies, a new website, a careers programme, the refurbishment of the common room and the resurrection of the JCR Arts Week with an exciting programme planned for Hilary Term.

Mr Hangchi celebrated the renewed relationship with the College administration, especially the sense of working together and actively listening to the student voice. The importance of community was evident across the College and, as part of discussions about mental health and wellbeing, he noted the need to focus especially on men's mental health and to consider the experience of being a woman within College.

On behalf of Governing Body, the President thanked the JCR President for his wise words and for his advice. She thanked him and his committee for their hard work and dedication.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2022 were received.