

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

## MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

*Present:* The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, 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 E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak

*Apologies:* Professor S. J. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Hoye, Dr. C. He (ECR Representative), Dr L. Flannigan (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

## AGENDA 'B'

## ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were **approved**.

2. Tutorial Fellowship in Law

The Provost for Academic Affairs reported on the recruitment process for the Tutorial Fellowship in Law and thanked Professor Ekins, Professor McFarlane and Dr Rostill for their assistance.

Dr Ian Williams was **elected** as Official Fellow and Tutor in Law, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

**PRESIDENT**

3. Supernumerary Fellowship

The Provost for Academic Affairs reported that Professor James Maynard had been elected as a Supernumerary Fellow for five years in the first instance and noted that during that period he had been awarded the Fields Medal, the highest honour a young mathematician could attain.

The Governing Body re-elected Professor Maynard to a Supernumerary Fellowship, without membership of Governing Body, coterminous with his holding the post of Professor of Number Theory at the Mathematical Institute.

The President reminded Governing Body that Professor Maynard's portrait would be unveiled on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**PRESIDENT**

4. Career Development Research Fellowships

The Senior Tutor reported that the first round of recruitment to the new Career Development Research Fellowships had concluded with a good number of applications and appointments in seven subjects. The appointees would be elected to Fellowships in Trinity Term after approval of the new By-Law.

The Senior Tutor noted that there was room for improvement in the recruitment process itself and asked that feedback and suggestions be sent to him

**GOVERNING BODY, SENIOR TUTOR**

5. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were received.

The Committee had considered a number of options for increasing the proportion of funded graduate students in College whilst also addressing issues of graduate access. The Governing Body **agreed** to increase the College's provision of UKRI partnership awards by four (one per Division) for the 2024/25 admissions round.

**SENIOR TUTOR**

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Jones (in Hilary and Trinity Terms 2025) and for Professor Maini (Michaelmas Term 2024).

6. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that Choral Scholarships should be awarded to Georgina Cooper, Meira Lee and William Withers.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

7. EJRA Review Panel

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that

- a) the current College EJRA as described in By-Law XLI should be changed from the 30<sup>th</sup> September preceding the 69<sup>th</sup> birthday to the 30<sup>th</sup> September preceding the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- b) a number of minor changes should be made to the By-Law to reflect that responsibility for the process, as described in paras. 5.3–7.0, lay with the Provost for Academic Affairs.

The anomaly between University staff on Grades 8 and above who were no longer subject to an EJRA and the College EJRA was noted. The Provost for Academic Affairs also noted that the requirement for Official Fellows to have a seven-year renewal process would be removed from the Statutes as it had no contractual basis. Following that a process for reporting on achievements on a regular basis would be considered.

**STATUTES OFFICER, PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

8. Any other business

The Principal Bursar reported that the Head of HR had accepted a job at the University and would be leaving after three months' notice. The President noted that she would be happy to offer Ms. Oliver an exit interview if she wished for one.

**PRESIDENT**

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

9. Development Board

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were received.

10. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 were received.