

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Professor L. Hunt, Professor A. Lak

Apologies: Professor P. Maini, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Wright, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor E. Greensmith, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Hoye, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Dr. C. He, Dr. L. Flannigan

In attendance: (for item 7) Mr D. Norris (3BM), Mr N. Smith (Fusion), Mr C. Standley (CPW) and Mr E. Gardiner (CPW); Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 6th March 2024 were **approved**.

The President noted that Governing Body's Week 1 meeting would be dedicated to a discussion of governance. She asked everyone to confirm if they could attend.

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2. College By-Laws

The Statutes Officer summarised the changes that had been incorporated into the latest version of the By-Laws. The Governing Body **agreed** the By-Laws.

STATUTES OFFICER

3. Career Development Research Fellowships elections

Further to approval of the appointments at the meeting on 14th February 2024 and the newly approved By-Law for this new class of Fellowship, the Governing Body **elected** Dr. Samuel Boateng, Dr. Carolyn La Rocco, Ms Alice Millington, Ms Alina Urata, Dr Shurui Miao, Dr Muting Hao and Dr Anna Dewar to Career Development Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for four years from 1st October 2024.

SENIOR TUTOR

4. Casberd Scholarships elections

The Governing Body **agreed** to elect Gareth Tan (Jurisprudence) and Cameron Setiadi (Jurisprudence) to Casberd Scholarships.

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5. Oxford North Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the subscription of [] ordinary shares [] in TWO Ltd.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

6. Update on the SCR

The Steward of the SCR reported that Ms. Gosia Fitzgerald had been appointed as Front of House Manager following Mr. Webber's retirement. She noted that the Middle Common Room had been renamed the Webber Room in his honour and thanked Mrs. Diment for co-ordinating the leaving events.

7. Presentation by the Masterplan consultants

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the Masterplan. The refurbishment of the Thomas White Building was progressing to RIBA Stage 3 design and the proposed new energy centre to RIBA Stage 2.

The principles for other projects [] were still being discussed and scrutinised. The Principal Bursar thanked the Working Party for their input on the plan. It was envisaged that the next steps would be presented to Governing Body in Week 9.

The consultants on the Masterplan presented the background to the overall proposals, including the site evaluations that had been undertaken and consultations with staff and students. Carbon conservation was a key challenge, given the age of many of the College's buildings and their listed status.

Consideration had been given to a number of possible sites for the proposed energy centre with the preferred solution offering an opportunity to use the ground floor of the building for social and communal spaces, including the College Bar.

Plans for the Thomas White Building project were based on a number of key principles, including decarbonization, wellbeing and inclusivity, and connectivity.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Conference of Colleges

The confirmed and reserved minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 15th February 2024 were received.

The unconfirmed and reserved minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 14th March 2024 were received.

9. Inspection of the crypt

The report of the President's inspection of the crypt beneath the Baylie Chapel, 20th March 2024 was received. It was noted that, since no issues had been identified, it would not be necessary to inspect other areas of the crypt.