

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

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

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, The Revd Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor S. Toussaert, Mr R. Crow, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoye, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Dr. C. He (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor P. K. Maini, Professor D. Martin, Professor S. Myers, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor B. Murnane, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor G. Rose, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor R. Slater, Professor B. Stevenson, 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 4th October were **approved**.

2. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Junior Research Fellowships of Dr. Boronski, Dr. He and Dr. Flannigan should be extended for a fourth and final period of one year, with effect from 1st October 2024.

Professor Obloj reported on the proposal to establish means-tested scholarships for undergraduate students from overseas who were not eligible for funding via the REACH Scholarship scheme. The Governing Body **agreed** that, subject to the establishment of an appropriate memorandum of understanding between the donor and the College, an undergraduate scholarship in Mathematics should be created, to be offered to one student for a period of three or four years []. The scholarship would serve as a pilot for future scholarships in a range of subjects to fund international students. It was noted that donor screening had been completed in advance of presentation of the paper.

Sabbatical leave was agreed for Professor Maini in Michaelmas Term 2023 and for Professor Omri in Michaelmas Term 2023 (after postponement of the leave previously approved for this term).

It was also **agreed** to elect Bulscú Diosi, William Hartridge, Edward Huang, Haru Ishikaza, Judy Li, Athary Mahajan, Katinka Mitchell-Thomson, Alice Simmerson Saxon Stacey, Luke Storey, Sol Woodroffe, and Zhi-Xuan Koh to Casberd Scholarships.

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3. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2023 were received.

The Keeper of the Pictures reported that the original sixteenth-century frame for the College's portrait of Anne of Cleves by Bartholomeus Bruyn had been found in the picture store. It was covered in Victorian gilding but had been dated within a small window of accuracy, thus solving questions around the date of the portrait itself. This was very timely as the portrait would be shown in a National Portrait Gallery exhibition in summer 2024.

The Governing Body **agreed** that work on the frame would be undertaken by Timothy Newbery [] and that conservation work on the portrait be undertaken by Georgie Dennis [].

KEEPER OF THE PICTURES

4. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 were received.

5. Entertainments Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 were received.

6. Wine Steward's Report

The Wine Steward reported on the valuation and stock list of the wine cellar in what would be his last formal report to Governing Body. [] Responsibility for the stock take and operational management were being handed over to the professional staff. He noted that, as there were still some issues on the stock take that required resolution, he would update Governing Body again at the end of term.

WINE STEWARD

The Governing Body thanked the Wine Steward for his work.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

7. Masterplan Working Party

The minutes of the Masterplan Working Party held on 19th October 2023 were received.

8. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the Conference of Colleges held on 22nd June 2023 were received.