

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 29th 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 S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, 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. Hoyer, Professor L. Hunt, Professor A. Lak

Apologies: Professor P. K. Maini, Professor D. Martin, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor G. Rose, Professor R. Slater, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Dr. C. He (ECR Representative), Dr L. Flannigan (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Ms. K. Jenkins (Finance Bursar), Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 8th November 2023 were **approved**.

2. Development and Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2023 were received.

3. Academic Services Committee

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

4. Domestic and Establishment Committee

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

The report on the 2023 Commemoration Ball was noted. The Governing Body would discuss future balls in due course.

The Governing Body **agreed** the main Sports Budget [] and the social budget [] for the 2024 calendar year.

Additional spend [] on refurbishment of the Old Gym and on the purchase of two four-compartment bike/scooter lockers [] was also **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that the Halfway Hall dinner should continue as an academic event with tutors present.

PRESIDENT

5. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Governing Body noted that the new undergraduate scholarship in Mathematics had been advertised with a medal in the international Maths Olympiad as an essential rather than a desirable criterion, and **agreed** to accept the existing eligibility criteria for the current year only.

SENIOR TUTOR

It was **agreed** that Professor Burt de Perera's sabbatical leave would be taken in 2026/27 rather than in 2025/26.

Freya Thomas was **elected** to a Casberd Scholarship.

The President reported the membership of the interview panel for the APTF in Old Norse.

6. Research Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** the following grants:

- a) a Large Grant [] to Professor Nation for the project 'Bookness and Stories: Understanding Children's Learning through Books, Audiobooks and Storytelling' from 1st January 2024 to 1st June 2025;
- b) a Medium Grant [] to Dr Viehauser for the project 'Preparatory Design Studies for the ePIC Silicon Tracking Detector' from 1st December 2023 to 1st April 2024;
- c) a Welcome Grant [] to Professor Hunt for the project 'Characterising the Composition Structure of Multi-Task Representations in Human Prefrontal Cortex' from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025;
- d) a Visiting Researcher Grant [] for Professor Kiefer to work with Professor Richard Mayr, University of Edinburgh, from 13th January to 20th April 2025.

The Fellow for Research reported on the Visiting Scholars scheme for the 2024 Long Vacation and noted the application deadline of 12th January. It was **agreed** to advertise the scheme as widely as possible.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

7. Hilary Term 2023 Calendar

The draft calendar for Hilary Term 2024 was received.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Development Board

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 were received.

9. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges held on 9th November 2023 were received.