

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

## MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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 K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M. Omri, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr R. Crow, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor A. Lak, Dr. L. Flannigan (ECR Representative), Mr S. Lalanne (MCR President), Ms. E. Heywood (JCR President)

Apologies: Professor M. Cannon, Professor H. Bouman, Professor J. Schnell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. White, Professor B. Stevenson, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Dr. C. He (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Rt Hon Alistair Burt (Chair of Audit & Risk Committee), Ms K. Jenkins (Finance Bursar); Ms. D. Cripps

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

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

The President welcomed Rt Hon Alistair Burt, Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee, to the meeting.

2. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the Policy on Undergraduate Suspension of Status noting the amendments made.

It also **agreed** interim changes to the Fitness to Study Procedures for Undergraduates, pending consideration of a further draft at the committee's Week 7 meeting.

**SENIOR TUTOR**3. Welfare Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the appointment of a Student Wellbeing Officer.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**4. College Ball

The JCR President presented a proposal from the JCR and MCR for a Commemoration Ball to be held on the Saturday of Week 9 of Trinity Term 2026. She reported that a survey of JCR members (fifty-seven respondents) had been overwhelmingly in favour of holding another ball for a range of reasons including a ball being a special Oxford event and that the 'Ball for All'

scheme enabled more disadvantaged students to attend the event. Balls were not elitist but an excellent opportunity for the College community to celebrate together.

The JCR President proposed that a summer ball was a better way to commemorate the whole year at a time when the weather should be better. It was also suggested either that students should be allowed to stay in College in Week 9 or that there should be a needs-based hierarchy applied so that international students could stay for the ball. In addition the JCR agreed that, as proposed after the last ball, non-finalists rather than finalists would be preferred for key roles with the role of Chair also possibly being split.

The MCR President noted the strong support for a ball amongst the graduate community and also reiterated that many useful lessons had been learnt from the 2023 ball that could be applied to a future event.

The President thanked the JCR and MCR Presidents for their input.

5. Professorial Fellowship in Computer Science

The Provost for Academic Affairs reported that the department intended to recruit to the Statutory Chair in Computer Science. The Governing Body **agreed** that it wished to replace the Professorial Fellowship last held by Professor Gottlob.

**PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

It was noted that this item would normally have been taken under Agenda B.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

6. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were received.

7. Annual Statement from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA)

The Annual Statement from the OIA for Higher Education was received.