

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 22nd 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. Hoye, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor A. Lak

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

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 17th April 2024 were **approved**.

2. Election to Tutorial Fellowship in Biology

Dr Laura Moody was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Biology, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st September 2024, coterminous with her appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Biology.

PRESIDENT3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to appoint a 0.75FTE College Lecturer in Politics for three years with effect from 1st October 2024.

It was **agreed** to appoint either a single 1.0FTE College Lecturer in Philosophy or two part-time posts equating to a full-time stint for one year with effect from 1st October 2024.

It was also **agreed** to elect Gareth Hopkins, Jakub Ulik and Ambrose Hlustik-Smith to Casberd Scholarships.

SENIOR TUTOR

The report of the Working Group on Special Grants was noted.

4. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2024 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** an annual Promotion of the Arts budget [] for the 2024/25 academic year, with the current [] budget augmented [] to reintroduce the Sound Artist Residency and to provide the committee with an appropriate discretionary budget. This also included an additional [] budget to fund new drama-related initiatives.

**VICE-PRESIDENT, KEEPER OF THE PICTURES, MUSIC & VISUAL ARTS
OFFICER**

5. Research Committee

The minutes of a meeting held by email circulation in Week 4 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** a Small Grant [] for Dr Frugé to host a conference on ‘Mind Dependence’ during March 2025.

A Visiting Researcher Grant for Professor Greensmith to invite Professor R. Hunter (Cambridge University) from 19th January 2025 to 15th March 2025, with temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme [] was **agreed**. It was noted that College accommodation would be available.

A Visiting Researcher Grant for Professor Larrington to invite Dr T. Specht (Siegen University) from 5th February 2025 to 25th April 2025, with a space to work, temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme was also **agreed**, contingent upon the success of an external application for DfG funding.

The need for sufficient medium-term and short-term accommodation for visiting academics and residencies was noted.

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

6. Annual Report of the Development Director

The Development Director reported on his team’s activity in fundraising, stewardship, alumni relations and engagement. He noted that it had been a good year with new funds raised significantly above the historic average.

He thanked the large number of Fellows who had attended the Benefactors’ Dinner and encouraged attendance at Gaudies.

7. President’s Annual Review

The Vice-President reported that he and the Provost for Academic Affairs would be conducting the President’s annual review. He invited views and feedback from Governing Body and noted that input from Junior Members and professional staff would also be sought.

VICE-PRESIDENT, PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

8. Masterplan Working Party

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2024 were received.

9. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2024 were received.

10. Entertainments Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2024 were received.

11. Trustees of the St John’s College Staff Pension Fund

The minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of the St John's College Staff Pension Fund held on 7th May 2024 were received.