

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Revd. Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, 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 A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor C. Munday

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor D. Martin, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor I. Klinke, Mr. R. Crow, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor L. Moody, Professor S. Knott

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'C'

1. Minutes of Governing Body and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 12th March 2025 were **approved**.

2. Report on appeal to a complaint

The Principal Bursar reported on a complaint that had been made to the College in relation to an event held by the Oxford University Turkish Society (OUTS) on 20th November 2023. She summarised the timeline of events, the Senior Dean and Domestic Bursar's investigations of the matter, and the outcome and actions taken.

The Junior Member who had lodged the complaint had chosen to appeal and the Principal Bursar had undertaken the further investigation of the matter. This had resulted in some further amendments to the Room Booking Policy and procedures. The President had also written to Mr. Ersin Tatar, the guest of OUTS, to make him aware of the outcome of the College's investigation.

The Junior Member had requested that they might present the rationale for making a public statement about the event directly to Governing Body. The Governing Body noted that the matter had been fully dealt with under the College's complaints procedure and that improvements to both policy and process had been made as a result.

If the Junior Member wished, they could write to the President and ask her to consider bringing their request to Governing Body.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. Any other business

The President reported that the appeal against the conclusion of the College EJRA Panel had not been upheld.

Professor Omri informed Governing Body that he would be retiring at the end of the academic year. The President noted that Professor Omri was the College's first Muslim, first Arab, and first Tunisian Fellow. She looked forward to a celebration of his time at St John's in due course.

The President informed Governing Body that Mr Crow had decided to step down from his role as Director of Development and Alumni Relations and would be leaving the College in mid-May. The Governing Body thanked him for his service and wished him all success for the future.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

4. Conference of Colleges

The confirmed minutes (Reserved Business) of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 20th February 2025 were received.

The unconfirmed minutes (Reserved Business) of the meeting of the Conference of College on 20th March 2025 were also received.

5. Oxford North Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2025 were received.