

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 2.10 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The Acting President (The Revd. Prof. W. Whyte), Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Dr. J. Oliver, Mr E. Love (MCR President), Ms G. Antell (MCR President-elect), Ms Laura Grima (MCR Vice-President), Ms. C. Jiang (JCR President), Mr J. Sisson (JCR Secretary)

Apologies: Professor C. Whistler, Professor W. Mattli, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor C. Newton, Professor L. di Mare

In attendance: (for Item 2) Master of Works, representatives from Ridge and Partners
Dr. S. Campbell, Ms. D. Cripps

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

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 14th February 2018 were **approved**.

The Acting President thanked everyone for their support over the past two terms.

In matters arising it was noted that the JCR President had consulted Junior Members about the Scholars Dinner and that they had voted for its retention.

2. Lodge refurbishment

The Principal Bursar reported that three firms had been invited to bring forward a sketch and outline plans for the refurbishment of the Main Lodge. Ridge and Partners had been selected for the project.

The team from Ridge and Partners briefed the Governing Body on their initial proposals for the Lodge and overall entrance to the College. The plan was to create a more open waiting and reception space, to have the main gates open more regularly, and to introduce a barrier for access to Front Quad. The scheme also included ideas for a walled courtyard garden in front of College. Costs were estimated [].

Feedback was offered on the positioning and security of the postrooms, the need to control access and noise, disabled access and the importance of the Lodge staff's relationship and contact with members of College.

The plans would be developed further and discussed in Domestic Committee before returning for final approval by Governing Body.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2018 were received.

4. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2018 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to the phased replacement of the wireless system with Ruckus, supplied by ANSecurity.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

It was also **agreed** that a weekly photography competition would be run to tell the day-to-day story of life in College and in order to build up a stock of high-quality images [].

EXECUTIVE OFFICER to the PRESIDENT

5. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 were received.

It was noted that the guidelines for dealing with student complaints of sexual assault would be reviewed. The Conference of Colleges was also examining this issue.

SENIOR DEAN

6. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 were received.

7. Trinity Term Calendar

Governing Body **approved** the Trinity Term Calendar with two amendments. It was noted that Professor McDowell was giving the Founder's Lecture on 17th May 2018.

8. Valedictory address – MCR President

The outgoing MCR President reflected on his term of office and noted the variety of the post, from writing on behalf of students to the Home Office, to washing up in the MCR kitchen.

He highlighted the MCR President's role in representing and supporting diversity in College with a particular focus on accessibility issues and free speech. He thanked the MCR Committee, JCR President, College staff and Governing Body for being so supportive and informative on a wide range of issues.

The Acting President thanked the MCR President and the outgoing MCR Committee and welcomed the MCR President-elect to her new role.