

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, 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 C. Whistler, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor M. Cannon, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Bray, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mrs. G. Gardiner (ECR Representative), Ms. G. Antell (MCR President), Mr H. Sugden (JCR President), Mr B. Gardner (JCR Secretary)

Apologies: Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor H. Skoda, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Professor D. Kwiatkowski, Professor Sir R. Collins, Professor L. Pratt, Professor A. Srinivasan, Mr. A. Deere-Hall (JCR Vice-President)

In attendance: Dr. S. Campbell, Mr R. Crow, Ms. J. Roadknight, Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps

**ACTION**

**AGENDA 'A'**

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were **approved**.

The President welcomed Mr. Sugden as incoming JCR President.

2. Equality Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were received.

3. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that default access to committee papers for all members would be via the intranet and that any member of a committee who wished to receive paper copies would need to opt out of the default position.

It was noted that it would be helpful to make available some spare devices for committee members without a laptop in College.

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4. Decanal Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were received.

The Senior Dean reported on a proposed new disciplinary process for reports of sexual harassment or sexual violence to ensure that issues were dealt with by experts and in a more standardised way. It was **agreed** to express an interest in being part of this new procedure.

**SENIOR DEAN**

5. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were received.

6. Trinity Term 2019 Calendar

The Trinity Term Calendar was approved with one amendment.

7. Valedictory address – MCR President

The outgoing MCR President reflected on her term of office, noting the pressures on holding such an office of the increasing demands of studying for a higher degree. Her research looked at how communities responded to change on a scale of half a billion years and she saw many reasons to be hopeful about the College's long-term future. She highlighted a number of positive developments including the appointment of new professional staff, a central list of accessibility information, the introduction of kosher and vegan food options, the Women's Network leadership programme and toilets that were now for use by any gender.

She thanked the MCR Committee, College staff and Governing Body for their support and stressed the importance of the College's values of equality and diversity for all its members. She asked that College Advisors keep in close touch with their postgraduate advisees.

The President thanked the MCR President and the outgoing MCR Committee. She noted that there were discussions across the University about graduate access and thanked the MCR President for highlighting the needs of international students.

8. Any other business

The President reminded Governing Body that there would be a group photo of all women in College to celebrate International Women's Day at 12.15 in Front Quad on 8<sup>th</sup> March.