

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A Stated General meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. J. Elston, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd Professor W. Whyte, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, 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, Mr R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor A. Lak, Professor S. Knott, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Dr. P. Urs (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor M-S. Omri, Professor A. Russell, Professor I. Klinke, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Dr S. Hardy (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Damian Norris (3BM), Nolan Smith (Fusion) and Ed Gardiner (CPW) (Item 5); Mr I Stokes (Works Bursar) (Items 5 and 6); Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'B'

ACTION

1. Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday and Professor S. Knott, were admitted to Governing Body.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 5th July 2024 were **approved**.

3. Public Sector Equality Duty

The President reminded the Governing Body of their duty under the Public Sector Equality Duty to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

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4. Declaration of conflicts of interest

The President thanked Trustees who had completed a full declaration of any conflicts of interest and asked for those who had not yet completed the return to do so as soon as possible.

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5. Masterplan

The minutes of the Masterplan Working Party meeting held on 2nd October 2024 were received.

The Principal Bursar noted the documents that had been circulated to the Governing Body, including the business cases, to support discussion of the potential location for a relocated Junior

Common Room and to consider the case for providing a pedestrian link beneath the Lamb and Flag passage to improve connectivity between Thomas White Quad and the northern part of the College.

She stressed that the Governing Body was not being asked to make a final decision but rather to indicate which options to proceed with for further feedback from the City Council's planning team. She noted that plans for a Wellbeing Centre had not progressed as far as the others as it was a more recent idea but, since there were some interdependencies between options, the Governing Body needed to be aware of the choices available.

The consultants presented four possible scenarios, with consideration of the connectivity issues across the College site for each of them, including the requirements of different user groups and possible design solutions.

The Development Director reported on the scope for fundraising for the Masterplan, noting the opportunities but also the challenges [].

After consideration of the issues, it was **agreed** to continue to consider both options for the Junior Common Room and to do further work on all aspects of connectivity across the site, including looking at safety and security, a detailed quantitative analysis of movement flow and usage at different times of the day, and a consideration of other ways (than building) to mitigate the issues.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

6. Water ingress in Senior Common Room

The Works Bursar reported on the leakage issue in the Senior Common Room (SCR). He had taken advice from a structural engineer and had agreed a way to tackle the problem. If this did not work, a more significant intervention might be required. He also highlighted the other projects being considered in the SCR, including heating, cooling and acoustics together with replacement of the lift.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

7. Casberd Scholarships

The Governing Body **approved** the list of Casberd Scholarships.

8. North Senior and Beeston Scholarships

The Governing Body **approved** the list of scholarships.

9. By-Law XLI

The Fellow for Statutes noted the proposed changes to By-Law XLI – Employer-justified Retirement Age (EJRA), following on from approval of the recommendations in the report of the EJRA Review Panel.

The Governing Body **approved** the revised By-Law.

FELLOW FOR STATUTES

10. Research Committee

The Governing Body **agreed** a Visiting Researcher Grant to cover accommodation and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme to Professor Guy Geltner of Monash University, Australia to work with Professor Skoda in late 2025 [].

FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

11. Library Policy Document

The Fellow Librarian asked the Governing Body to note the Library Policy Document that, for the first time, detailed the expectations both of users and of Library staff. He noted that the policy would evolve over time and welcomed comments and suggestions.

FELLOW FOR LIBRARIES

12. Michaelmas Term 2024 calendar

The Michaelmas Term calendar was approved.

Professor Whyte noted that Dr. Christienna Fryar was delivering the Black History Month Lecture and encouraged colleagues to attend.