

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

### MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Mr. R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor N. Jones, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Professor S. Knott, Dr. P. Urs (ECR Representative), Mr. S. Lalanne (MCR President), Ms. R. Hurwitz (MCR Vice-President), Ms. E. Heywood (JCR President), Mr L. Cooke (JCR President-Elect)

Apologies: Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor M. Cannon, Professor D. Martin, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M. Omri, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor G. Rose, Professor R. Slater, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor R. Hoye, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel

In attendance: Ms K. Jenkins (Finance Bursar), Ms. D. Cripps

### ACTION

### AGENDA 'A'

#### 1. Minutes of Governing Body and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were **approved**.

The President welcomed Laurence Cooke as the newly elected JCR President.

#### 2. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were received.

#### 3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were received.

The Senior Tutor reported on the discussion about the Crisis Scholarship and graduate funding, noting the MCR's support of the need for funding.

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer one Crisis Scholarship for the academic year 2025/26, at least at the minimum contribution level of £21.2k, for a one-year full-time Masters' student displaced from Gaza and seeking to join any programme for which the College admitted graduate students.

### SENIOR TUTOR

#### 4. Hilary Term 2025 Calendar

The draft calendar for Hilary Term 2025 was received.

5. JCR President's Valedictory Address

Ms. Heywood offered her thanks to all the members of College who had supported the JCR over the past year. She particularly noted that the welfare and wellbeing changes had been transformative and thanked the Domestic Bursar for his bi-weekly catch-ups to discuss issues. She also thanked her predecessors as JCR President for their support.

The past year had been more about navigating challenges than about making groundbreaking changes. Ms. Heywood particularly highlighted the St John's Garden Party and hoped that it would become a cherished tradition. She was grateful for Governing Body's agreement for a College Ball in 2026 and thanked Professor Jones for his advice. She noted that JCR participation had been reinvigorated across a number of areas, including attendance at guest night dinners, participation in elections, and the use of charity funds.

Ms. Heywood noted the work that was still to be done on the inequalities across Oxford that had been noted in the SU's College Disparities Report and looked forward to the progress of the Masterplan.

On behalf of Governing Body, the President thanked the JCR President for her enthusiasm and ability to encourage people to think in different ways. She also thanked the outgoing JCR committee for their hard work over the past year.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

6. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were received.