

## 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)

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 'B'

#### 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**.

#### 2. Development and Alumni Relations Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were received.

#### 3. Academic Services Committee

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

#### 4. Domestic and Establishment Committee

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

The Fellow for Sport reported two small changes to the proposed Sports Budget (a reduction of £1k for the general boat club budget, as the social budget had mistakenly not been separated from the general budget; and an increase of £100 to the general Cricket budget, as an agreed item had been inadvertently omitted). The Governing Body **agreed** the sports budget [ ] plus a contingency sum and Community Coaching Fund [ ].

### FELLOW FOR SPORT

#### 5. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** to renew the Junior Research Fellowship of Dr. Vadisiute for a fourth and final year from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

It was **agreed** to appoint two Career Development Research Fellows in Mathematics during the current recruitment process.

It was further **agreed** to expand the BIG–SJC Overseas Scholarship in Mathematics and its joint degrees to two places for the 2025 intake and 2026 intake as follows:

- to offer, in each year, one scholarship to candidates reading Mathematics and one to candidates in Mathematics or in Maths & Computer Science;
- to award scholarships based on academic potential and financial need of the candidates, with eligibility criteria based on medals in international Olympiads; final agreement and advertising of any scholarships would be subject to both the Senior Tutor and the Provost for Academic Affairs being content with the detailed agreements;
- to agree a fundraising target of at least 50% of the total net cost of the scholarships to College;
- to underwrite the potential net cost to College of the first two scholarships, of up to £140k over the next four years;
- to agree that the 2026 scholarship rollout and underwriting of the additional £145k net cost to College would be conditional on the Bursary being content that fundraising was on track to meet the above target;
- to agree that priority for the REACH scholarship in the 2025 and 2026 intakes would where possible be given to subjects not eligible for BIG–SJC scholarships.

It was also **agreed** to review progress in late August/early September 2025 before the next round of admissions.

It was **agreed** to offer College associations (with full dining privileges and a research allowance) to Dr Yasmeen Arif, BA Postdoctoral Fellowship in Anthropology, and to Dr Amogh Sharma, Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship, ODID – International Development, from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, for a period of three years up to the end of their relevant postdoctoral fellowship.

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### 6. Research Committee

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

The Governing Body **approved** the budget for 2024/25.

The following grants were also **agreed**:

- a Medium-size Grant to Professor Bishop and Professor Pandit [] for a conference on ‘The risk to academic posed by research fraud: combatting the threat’;
- a Large Grant to Professor Hoye [] for a project on scalable and tunable single photon emitters through anisotropic perovskite nanocrystal;
- a Visiting Researcher Grant to Professor Whyte for Professor da Costa Meyer, Princeton University, from 19<sup>th</sup> May–19<sup>th</sup> June with accommodation, temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme;
- a Visiting Researcher Grant to Professor Goodwin for Professor Iversen, Aarhus University, from 3<sup>rd</sup> April–15<sup>th</sup> June with temporary SCR membership and dining privileges in accordance with the scheme.

## FELLOW FOR RESEARCH

7. Public Sector Equality Duty Report 2023–24

Dr Doornik reported, on behalf of the Fellow for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, that the College's specific objectives in this area were due to be renewed. A process would be put in place to gather input to these.

The Public Sector Equality Duty Report 2023–24 was **approved**. It was **agreed** also to include the College's annual gender pay gap information in the report.

**FELLOW FOR EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

8. Hilary Term 2025 Calendar

The draft calendar for Hilary Term 2025 was received.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

9. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the Conference of Colleges held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were received.