

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Revd. Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Wright, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Mr. R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor S. Knott, Dr. J. Richards (ECR Representative), Dr. S. Hardy (ECR Representative), Ms. R. Brooks (MCR President), Mr. S. Lalanne (former MCR President)

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor N. Jones, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor C. Munday, Mr J. Dunn (JCR Vice-President)

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'A'

1. Minutes of Governing Body and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 4th December 2024 were **approved**.

2. Welfare Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2025 were received.

3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2025 were received.

4. MCR President – Valedictory Address

The outgoing MCR President reflected on his term of office and highlighted three areas that he had focused on: welfare, events and financial support for DPhil students.

He welcomed the investment the College had made in welfare support for students and especially the extension of provision to the vacations so that graduates had access when they needed it. The programme of wellbeing events had also been very well received. The recruitment of Student Welfare Advisors had been an excellent move, especially as they also provided vacation coverage.

Mr Lalanne highlighted the number of events – over 120 during the past year – and the increased engagement of members, noting that the MCR had now fully recovered from Covid. He thanked the College's events team, catering and bar staff for their support.

Mr Lalanne reported that a fully funded DPhil student on UKRI levels of funding was approximately 15% worse off than the equivalent student in 2012 (adjusting for Oxford-specific inflation). He emphasised the need for the College to spend more on scholarships, especially in the context of AHRC reducing the number of studentships at Oxford from thirty-five a year to six. At the same time he noted that there were other ways in which the College could support graduates, for example through cheaper accommodation and improved graduate grants.

He concluded by thanking the MCR Committee, professional staff and Governing Body for being so supportive on a wide range of issues.

The President congratulated Mr Lalanne on all he had achieved as MCR President over the past two years.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

5. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2025 were received.

6. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2025 were received.