

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. Elston, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Revd. Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M. Omri, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor R. Slater, Mr. R. Crow, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor E. Wonnacott, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor L. Hunt, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Dr. J. Richards (ECR Representative), Ms. R. Brooks (MCR President), Mr L. Cooke (JCR President)

Apologies: Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor N. Jones, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor A. Lak, Professor S. Knott, Dr. S. Hardy (ECR Representative)

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 19th February 2025 were **approved**.

2. Freedom of Speech policy

The Senior Tutor reported that a small working group (comprising the Senior Tutor, Senior Dean, Principal Bursar, Fellow for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, and the Domestic Bursar) had considered a Code of Conduct, based on University guidance, relating to freedom of speech and academic freedom. Comments and suggestions had been received in consultation with General Purposes Committee, Governing Body and Junior Members and the Code of Conduct combined with the previously approved Freedom of Speech Policy.

The Governing Body **agreed** the revised version of the Freedom of Speech Policy.

SENIOR TUTOR, FELLOW FOR EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

3. Academic Services Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2025 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the Social Media Policy.

4. Educational Policy Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Burke Knapp Travel Scholarship and the Hans Michael Caspari UN Travel Grant should be offered in alternative years in future to allow for each grant to be doubled in value.

SENIOR TUTOR

5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2025 were received.

The Fellow for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion reported that she was setting up a working group to consider EDI policy updates and Public Sector Equality Duty objectives, alongside broader strategy. The group would meet up to three times in Trinity Term and aimed to include a wide representation of voices. Members of Governing Body were asked to contact the Fellow for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion before Week 0 if they wished to join the group.

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6. Trinity Term 2025 Calendar

The draft calendar was received and approved.