

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 23rd April 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 A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor A. Starinets, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, 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, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. Jones, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor L. Hunt, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor C. Munday, Dr. S. Hardy (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor D. Martin, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor J. Schnell, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor I. Klinke, Mr. R. Crow, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor L. Moody, Professor S. Knott, Dr. J. Richards (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Ian Stokes (Works Bursar), Damian Norris (3BM), Nolan Smith (Fusion) and Ed Gardiner (CPW) (Item 2); Ms. D. Cripps

ACTION

AGENDA 'B'

1. Minutes of Governing Body and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 12th March 2025 were **approved**.

2. Masterplan

The minutes of the Masterplan Working Party meeting held on 25th March 2025 were received.

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the progress of the Masterplan, including further work on developing the business cases for the location of the JCR, the potential provision of a passageway to enhance the connectivity between the north and south of the College, the refurbishment of the Thomas White building, the new Energy Centre, and fabric improvements.

Mr Norris presented the two options for the JCR, highlighting the changes made to the proposals in the light of feedback and after further discussion with town planners.

Following discussion of the issues, the Governing Body voted on whether to include the design and development of the passageway in the Masterplan (with 23 in favour, 14 against, and 3 abstentions).

The Governing Body also voted on the preferred location of the JCR (with 29 in favour of a JCR sunken quad and passageway to the north and 11 in favour of a JCR pavilion to the south; there were no abstentions).

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. Research Fellowships in the Sciences and Mathematics

The Provost for Academic Affairs reported on the elections for Research Fellowships in the Sciences and Mathematics.

Dr Daniel Congrave and Dr Antoni Wrobel were elected to Research Fellowships in the Sciences and Mathematics (without membership of Governing Body) from 1st October 2025 and up to four years in the first instance (or until the end of the associated fixed-term funding, if earlier). At the end of this initial period, if appropriate, the Fellow would be eligible for re-election for one further period of at most four years, up to the termination of the original external funding.

PRESIDENT

4. Casberd Scholarships

The Governing Body congratulated the Law Fellows on results in Law Moderations and **agreed** to elect Maya Flint, Philip Kimber, Anna MacKinnon, and Jessica Williamson to Casberd Scholarships.

SENIOR TUTOR

5. Statutes Committee

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

The Governing Body **agreed** the proposed amendments to By-Law II – Vice-President, By-Law XI – The Assistant Auditor, By-Law XV – Committees, and By-Law XIV – Audit and Risk Committee.

It was also **agreed** to create a new By-Law for the post of Senior Tutor and to revive By-Law XLII – Long Vacation Committee (with two amendments).

FELLOW FOR STATUTES

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

6. Ellison Institute of Technology

A briefing on the Strategic Alliance between the University of Oxford and the Ellison Institute of Technology was received.

7. Conference of Colleges

The confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 20th February 2025 were received.

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 20th March 2025 were received.