

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor S. Elston, Professor K. Nation, Revd. Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor C. Newton, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor E. Greensmith, Dr. M. Nicholls, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor E. Wonnacott, Ms. Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr. K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor P. Maini, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor A. Russell, Professor B. Murnane, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, Professor N. Jones, Professor R. Hoye, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Professor S. Knott

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

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AGENDA 'C'

1. Minutes of Governing Body and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 23rd April 2025 were **approved**.

In matters arising the Governing Body considered an email from the Junior Member who had lodged a complaint to the College in relation to an event held by the Oxford University Turkish Society on 20th November 2023. The Governing Body discussed the request fully and **agreed** that the President should write on their behalf to repeat the College's regret at what had occurred at the event, to note the steps that had been put in place following investigation of the incident, and to reiterate the College's view that discrimination of any sort was not acceptable.

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2. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2025 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the College should continue its association with an Associate Professorship in Physics in the Department of Physics, with the post continuing to be associated with a Tutorial Fellowship in Physics.

It was **agreed** to renew the Fellowship of Professor R. Harding from 1st October 2025 for a period of seven years or until retirement, whichever was sooner.

It was **agreed** to elect the following to Emeritus Research Fellowships:

- a) Professor T. Weidberg and Professor M-S Omri for three years from 1st October 2025;

- b) Professor J. Pitcher, Professor P. Craig and Professor M. Davies for third three-year periods from 1st October 2025;
- c) Professor P. Tod for a fourth three-year period from 1st October 2025.

Professor Ji-Seon Kim FInstP FRSC was **elected** as an Associate Fellow (without access to research funds and without membership of Governing Body), coterminous with her holding the post of Professor of Electronic Materials in the Department of Chemistry.

Following the Review of part-time College Officerships it was **agreed** that:

- d) appropriate training should be identified for College Officerships that might require it and that training should be added to the roles and responsibilities document after discussion with the post holder;
- e) the Working Party's recommendations, with the report, should be sent to Remuneration Committee for their consideration;
- f) where appropriate, each post holder should submit a short written, preferably annual, report to a nominated committee;
- g) post holders should rotate office: a maximum of a three-year rotation for Fellow roles and a seven-year (plus three-year) rotation for Keeper roles (i.e. the expected tenure would be for seven years but, in exceptional circumstances, could be extended to ten).

The President noted that she would continue to meet with College Officers over the next few weeks to finalise the updates to the roles and responsibilities of each officership ahead of further discussion at General Purposes Committee in Week 8.

PRESIDENT

It was also **agreed** to post the recent statement on the Supreme Court ruling on the definition of sex as used in the Equality Act 2010 on the College website.

3. Finance and Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the budget for 2025/26.

It was also **agreed** to sell the College's share [].

4. Any other business

Professor Rose, in her role as a Trustee of the Oxford Playhouse, noted the Playhouse's excellent Open House for Schools initiative. This had been supported by the College over the past year and had enabled students from Oxfordshire primary schools with low cultural provision and/or deprivation to access live performances and to engage with creative writing opportunities.