

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Dr. G Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, 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, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, 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 C. Munday, Professor S. Knott, Professor E. Batyra, Professor G. Cormode, Dr C. La Rocco (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor K. Nation, Professor D. Martin, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor R. Hoye, Professor L. Moody, Professor P. Jha, Dr. J. Richards (ECR Representative)

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'B'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 14th January 2026 were **approved**.

2. Anti-racism motion

The Principal Bursar reminded Governing Body that an in-depth review of College investments had concluded in 2022, and a proposal for a limited and controlled investment in arms had been agreed.

The Governing Body **agreed** that, in line with the College's usual procedures, a five-year review of its investment policy should be carried out in 2027. The terms of reference for the review would be agreed later in the academic year.

The Fellow for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion would also revisit the College's statement on race equality and update it in line with the University as appropriate.

PRESIDENT, FELLOW FOR EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION3. Educational Policy Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to offer a College association to Dr. J. Venner, School of Archaeology, coterminous with her holding a Leverhulme Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Sabbatical leave was **agreed** for Professor Olszewska (Michaelmas Term 2026–Trinity Term 2027).

4. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2026 were received.

The Keeper of the Pictures reminded the Governing Body that the globes in the Old Library should not be turned as they were very fragile objects of art.

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5. Statutes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026 were received.

The Governing Body noted the update on the revised Statutes and the draft wording for a revision of By-Law XL (Termination of the appointment of the President).

6. Masterplan Working Party

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** the Dolphin Quad works [], with fabric improvement costs [] from the Masterplan budget and maintenance costs [] from the Works budget.

The Principal Bursar noted that this was the first of the College buildings that would undergo fabric improvements.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

7. Career Development Research Fellows 2026

The Senior Tutor thanked everyone who had been involved in the recruitment process. He noted the importance of keeping to the deadlines for each stage of the process.

The Governing Body **elected** Mr Merten Wiltshire, Mr Philip Trotter, Dr Nicole Kleinheisterkamp-Gonzalez, Dr Alexandra Hertlein, Mr Richard Stiskalek, and Ms Karina Atudosie to Career Development Research Fellowships (without membership of Governing Body) for four years from 1st October 2026.

The new Fellows would be encouraged to make contact with their respective faculties and departments on arrival.

SENIOR TUTOR

8. Trinity Term Calendar

The draft Trinity Term Calendar was **agreed**.

It was noted that the timing of the Women's Garden Party at the end of Week 8 would mean that undergraduates would not be able to attend.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

9. Chapel and Patronage Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2026 were received.