

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

## MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor M. Cannon, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor H. Skoda, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoye, Professor L. Hunt, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Professor S. Knott, Professor E. Batyra, Professor G. Cormode

Apologies: Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, The Revd Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor D. Martin, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor A. Russell, Professor R. Ekins, Professor L. Pratt, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor P. Jha

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

## AGENDA 'C'

## ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were **approved**.

2. Audit, Risk & Governance Committee

The President reported on the Committee's discussion about trustee attendance at Governing Body. A number of suggestions had been made for increasing attendance and it was **agreed** to investigate a hybrid meeting format, taking all issues into consideration.

## PRESIDENT

The Governing Body **agreed** the amendments to three health and safety policies: COSHH, Fire Safety, and Working at Height.

The Principal Bursar updated Governing Body on the rationale for the IT consortium proposal. This related to the fact that cyber security risk was one of the highest risks on the College's risk register; that a recent audit had highlighted some concerns; and that there was a lack of resilience in the team given its size. It was confirmed that the College would continue to benefit from a local team to provide operational support as was the case now, but would have the ability to access more technical and strategic IT resource in a cost-effective manner. It was noted that the Domestic Bursar and Head of IT were aware of the proposals.

3. Strategic Plan 2025–2035

The final draft text of the Strategic Plan had been circulated to Governing Body online. The document would be open for further comment until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

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4. Any other business

The President congratulated the Fellow for Research on the success of this year's events to date. Professor Maynard's 'Behind the Scenes' talk had attracted 140 attendees and had been an excellent showcase for research at the College. The President encouraged Fellows to consider participating.

The next event would be a lecture by Professor Sendhil Mullainathan, Sanjaya Lall Visiting Professor of Business and Development, on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

The Governing Body reviewed the agenda items and **agreed** that none should have been on either Agendas A or B.

**BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE**

5. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes (reserved) of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were received