

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. Elston, Professor M. Cannon, 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 T. Burt de Perera, 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 L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor S. White, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor R. Hoyer, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Professor S. Knott, Professor P. Jha, Professor E. Batyra, Professor G. Cormode, Dr. K. Cramb (ECR Representative), Dr. C. La Rocco (ECR Representative)

Apologies: Professor Z. Molnár, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. K. Maini, Professor D. Martin, Professor J. Schnell, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor A. Russell, Professor R. Ekins, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor R. Slater, Professor K. J. Patel

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'B'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 11th March 2026 were **approved**.

2. Official Fellowship in Modern Arabic Literature

Professor Sonja Mejcher-Atassi was elected as Official Fellow and Tutor in Modern Arabic Literature, with membership of Governing Body, with effect from 1st September 2026, coterminous with her appointment as Professor in the Faculty of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies.

PRESIDENT

3. Development Director

The Principal Bursar reported on the recruitment process for the Development Director. She noted that she would be briefing Remuneration Committee on the terms and conditions agreed with the successful candidate.

Caroline Wallard was **elected** to a Supernumerary Fellowship (with membership of Governing Body), coterminous with her holding the post of Development Director, from 13th July 2026.

PRESIDENT

4. Casberd Scholarships

The Governing Body **agreed** to elect Matthew Gowland and Shlok Venkat to Casberd Scholarships.

SENIOR TUTOR

5. Oxford Conference for Public Thinking

The Governing Body considered a request to support a new student initiative, the Oxford Conference for Public Thinking, scheduled for the end of May 2026.

It was **agreed** that the College might support a future event with a rather more defined programme.

PRESIDENT

6. Any other business

The Principal Bursar noted that a survey of trustees would be circulated in accordance with the revised Charity Code of Governance and asked that Governing Body complete it.

GOVERNING BODY

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

7. Conference of Colleges

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Conference of Colleges on 19th March 2026 were received.