

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

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 'C'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

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

2. Strategic Plan, 2025–2035

The President thanked Governing Body for the very helpful comments on the latest version of the Strategic Plan.

The full version of the plan, together with a concise version for the website, would return to the Working Party for final review.

PRESIDENT

3. Any other business

The President noted that she had consulted Governing Body during the Vacation on whether the College should sign a Universities of Sanctuary Network letter about a 'visa brake' that affected students from Afghanistan, Cameroon, Myanmar and Sudan.

It was **agreed** that such issues would be considered on a case-by-case basis and, if they came up outside of Full Term, that the degree of urgency would determine whether an emergency meeting of Governing Body would be called.

The President reported on her recent visit to the West Coast of America.

She also highlighted upcoming officerships and encouraged Fellows to get involved in the research events organised by the Fellow for Research.

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

4. Oxford North Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2026 were received.

5. Conference of Colleges

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