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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor A. Wright, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor C. Newton, Professor J. Obloj, Dr. G Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor I. Klinke, Professor L. Pratt, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, 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 L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor L. Moody, Professor C. Munday, Professor E. Batyra

Apologies: Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor D. Martin, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor R. Ekins, Professor K. Southwood, Professor C. Beem, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, Professor R. Hoye, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor S. Knott, Professor P. Jha, Professor G. Cormode

In attendance: Ms. H. Geary and Ms. K. Hancock, More Partnership (for Item 2); Ms. K. McClendon and Mr. T. Childs (for Item 2); Ms. K. Jenkins (Finance Bursar); Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'C'

ACTION

The Governing Body meeting was quorate.

1. Minutes and matters arising

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 22nd April 2026 were **approved**.

2. Campaign Feasibility Report

The More Partnership presented a campaign feasibility report focused on converting philanthropic potential into a sustainable fundraising campaign for the College.

The President thanked them for offering such a clear direction for the College to pursue.

The Governing Body also thanked Ms. McClendon for the work she had done over the past year as Interim Development Director.

3. Masterplan

The Principal Bursar presented an update on the progress of the Masterplan.

She reported on how it was planned to fund the various projects and the major decision points for Governing Body once each project had received planning permission. She would update Governing Body on milestones, funding and costs in Michaelmas Term.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

4. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** that the Official Fellowships of Professor Z. Molnár, Professor A. Wright, Professor K. Southwood and Professor N. Jones should be renewed from 1st October 2026 for a period of seven years or until retirement, whichever was sooner.

It was **agreed** to renew the Emeritus Research Fellowships of Professor R. Compton, Professor N. Harberd, Professor S. Whittaker and Professor Sir R. Collins for a second three-year period from 1st October 2026.

It was **agreed** to elect Professor Trey Ideker as an Associate Fellow (without access to research funds and without membership of Governing Body) from 1st September 2026, coterminous with his holding the post of Director of the Big Data Institute and Professor of Human Genomics with the Nuffield Departments of Population Health and Medicine.

It was **agreed** to elect Professor Mark Smith as an Associate Fellow (without access to research funds and without membership of Governing Body), coterminous with his holding the post of Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Resources at the University.

PRESIDENT

It was **agreed** to continue the College's association with the established Chair in Electrical Engineering, with membership of Governing Body.

It was **agreed** to support a new Associate Professorship in Physical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry, forming a third Tutorial Fellowship in Chemistry, with the full salary costs supported by the College for three years (and any start-up packages or laboratory refurbishment costs to be borne by the Department) and with a likely start date of 1st October 2027, subject to the donor's agreement to the use of the fund for this purpose.

PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

After discussion, it was **agreed** to refer [] to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for consideration of any possible governance issues in relation to the proposed centre.

PRESIDENT

It was **agreed** that Governing Body meetings should remain as face-to-face meetings, with the President keeping a watching brief on attendance and meeting with trustees if necessary. In due course, some trustees might opt to stand down once the new Statutes were finalised. It was also **agreed** that, if specific circumstances required it, the hybrid option would be considered again in the future.

PRESIDENT

The Governing Body **approved** the updated Freedom of Speech Code of Practice.

It was also **agreed** that the number of staff volunteering days would be extended from the current one to five working days per year, specifically to support the work of local charity, ARCh (Assisted Reading with Children), and that the policy's eligibility would also be extended to College-employed academic staff. The project would be piloted with ARCh for one year and then reviewed.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

5. Finance and Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2026 were received.

The 2026/27 College budgets, including commercial property capital investments, were **agreed**.

FINANCE BURSAR

The Governing Body **agreed** the purchase [] of share capital [] in Thomas White Properties [].

It was **agreed** to sell [], subject to achieving an offer [].

It was **agreed** to market the College's land [], subject to receiving planning consent, in order to obtain the best price.

Assessment and survey fees [] were **agreed** for the [] to proceed with local planning processes.

Options for the refurbishment of the Senior Common Room were under discussion. Fees for the design and development were **approved** []. The best approach for the refurbishment would be discussed with the Fellow for the SCR and the Keeper of the Historic Buildings.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

6. Any other business

The President asked that Governing Body complete the form asking them for their availability to serve on the Long Vacation Committee.

GOVERNING BODY

BELOW THE LINE ITEMS – TO NOTE

7. Promotion of the Arts Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026 were received.

8. Masterplan Working Party

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 were received.