ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Agenda

For the meeting of September 22, 2015 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John’s College

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 12, 2015.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting

4. New Business
   a) Membership on committees of Assembly
   b) Strategic Planning
   c) Warden’s Review
   d) 150th Anniversary

5. Other Business

6. Reports
   a) Reports from College Officers

       Warden
       Dean of Studies
       Chaplain
       Bursar
       Dean of Residence
       Development Officer
       Librarian
       Registrar

   b) Report from Senior Stick

   c) Reports from College Committees

7. Adjournment
ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes

For the meeting of May 12, 2015 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John’s College

Present: K. Markstrom, J. Weimer, D. Brydon, I. Froese, C. Trott, E. Jones (Chair), S. Peters (Secretary), J. Markstrom, B. Cantelo, R. Coutts, D. Brydon, J. Peyton, B. Peeler, A. Perry,


1. Approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
   D. Brydon/B. Cantelo
   CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on March 17, 2015.
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on March 17, 2015, be approved as distributed.
   B. Peeler/J. Peyton
   CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting
   None

4. New Business
   a) Fellowship nominations
      Due to a lack of Quorum, MOTION: That the fellowship nominations be voted on electronically, with a deadline of May 19, 2015 at 9:00 am, for approval.
      A. Perry/C. Trott

      MOTION from the Membership Committee:

      a. To Senior Fellow
         Motion: that Lori Wilkinson be elected as a Senior Fellow

      b. To Visiting Fellow
         i. Motion: that Bruce Erickson, Robert Coutts and Susie Fisher and Stephanie Pyne be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term

         ii. Motion: that Erin Millions be elected as a Visiting Fellow Note: Erin has requested a Maternity Leave for May 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2016

      c. Junior Fellows
         i. Motion: that Jade Weimer and Bryan Peeler be elected as a Junior Fellow for a one year term contingent on teaching appointment
d. Research Fellows
   i. **Motion**: that **Krista Walters** be elected as a Research Fellow for a one year term

1. New applications for membership
   a. Visiting Fellows
      i. **Motion**: that **Christina Penner**, Instructor II, Department of Computer Science be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term. Christina Penner teaches programming and technical communications in Computer Science and is also writes fiction. She completed her first novel, The Widows of Hamilton House, and is working on her second novel, Kate’s Pharmacy, about a computer programmer who is forced to build a secret room.
      ii. **Motion**: that **Paul Jenkins** (History, Sessional) be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term. Paul Jenkins holds a PhD from the University of Glasgow and over the next year will work on a book project provisionally titled, “Contesting the Boundaries of Belief: Mystical Reasoning and Scepticism in ‘Early Enlightenment’ Scotland”.

b) Draft Meeting dates for upcoming year – The Registrar circulated the draft meeting dates for approval. Some discussion was held as to whether Assembly should continue the practice of having alternating meeting times be at 10:00 am, or if all meetings should be held at 2:30.
   
   **MOTION**: That the meeting dates be approved.
   
   I. Froese  
   **MOTION**: To amend the times to all be at 2:30
   
   C. Trott/B Cantelo  
   **CARRIED**

c) Membership Stats – The Registrar distributed Membership stats for information.

d) Update on University Budget – The Warden updated Assembly on the budget of the University of Manitoba. The 4% cut to our University budget line that had been expected, has indeed occurred.

e) Update on Strategic Planning Process – The Warden updated Assembly on the Strategic Planning Process. A survey will be available shortly that the College is asking all stakeholders to complete. Fellows will be e-mailed the link to the survey. Additionally, the link will be made available on the College website. Fellows are strongly encouraged to complete the survey. This is to help give the College direction for the next decades.

f) Update on 150th Anniversary of the College – The Warden reminded Assembly that the 150th Anniversary of the College is coming up. Please start considering prestigious individuals to receive Honorary Degrees as a part of the Anniversary in the Fall of 2016. The Western Canadian History Conference being held at the College will now also be a part of the Anniversary deliberations.

g) Update on College Staffing – The Warden updated Assembly on staffing. The Faculty Assistant will be moving into the faculty wing in July so that she is more accessible to the Fellows. A new Dean of Residence has been hired. Caileigh
Morrison will officially begin on June 1. We are very excited to have her join us. Our Chaplain, Allison Chubb, will have her contract renewed for another year.

h) Update on Commission for Theological Education – The Warden updated Assembly on the report from the Commission for Theological Education. Their completed report has been brought to both the Synod, and to the St John's College Council. The most immediate recommendation of the report is that the College lift the suspension of the Theology program. Council will be voting on this motion next week. This does not mean that we will be hiring a Dean of Theology or re-opening the Theology program, but it does allow us the freedom to work in conjunction with other organizations.

5. Other Business
None

6. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John's College
Warden's Report to Assembly
May 12, 2015

On March 16, 17 and 18 we were privileged to have The Rt. Rev. Linda Nichols deliver the Wilmot Lectures on the topic of "Difficult Conversations within our Church, Ecumenically, and Interfaith". About 35 people attended each night as the conversations moved between the College, St Luke's Church and Shaarey Zedek Synagogue.

On March 11 the University of Manitoba hosed a dinner for Emerging Student Leaders. This year 14 out of 75 of the students honoured were from St John's College. The College had not nominated any of these students; rather their own Faculties nominated them all. As a follow up, I invited these students to join me for lunch on March 31. I will confess that this was one of the most fun and lively events that I have hosted since I became Warden. Meeting such fine students reminds us that all the hard work of the College is ultimately worth it.

The Commission on Theological Education presented its report to both College Council and Diocesan Council. During March and April the Report has been sent out for comment to those parties with an interest in the issues. We have received some feedback. Motions to implement the report will be going to both College and Diocesan Councils at the end of May.

Our Dean of Residence, Justin Bouchard, submitted his resignation and has moved on to a position in Student Advocacy. I want to thank Justin for all his hard work with the residence over the past 3 years. This led to the formation of a search committee for a new Dean and we have successfully engaged Calleigh Morrison. She will be starting on June 1.

We have initiated a Strategic Planning process for the College. I have been working with Lorch and Associates and our College working group.
Other activities I have been involved in include:

1) March 19: attended the Bach’s Birthday celebration for Retired Fellows
2) March 20: competed in the Curry Cook Off to raise money for the Bill Norton Scholarship
3) March 21: attended the College graduation dinner and dance
4) March 23: represented the College at the Rev. John Holmen’s funeral
5) March 25: moderator at the Peace and Conflict Studies round table
6) March 26: attended the organizing meeting for the Developing Understanding for Intercultural Ministry course
7) March 29: attended the Journey in Holy Week service in the Chapel
8) April 7: attended the opening of the Active Living Centre
9) April 9: attended training session for defibrillator
10) April 14: attended program committee meeting for revised M.Div. program at the University of Winnipeg
11) April 17: represented the College at the Rev. Paul Smith’s funeral
12) April 19: represented the College at the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration
13) April 26: represented the College at St Paul’s College Baccalaureate Mass and Exercises
14) April 26: represented the College at Booth University College Convocation
15) April 27: attended the Lunch and Lively event
16) April 29: attended a planning meeting for the 2015 Faith Horizons
17) May 1: attended the Senior Executive Retreat
18) May 2: represented the College at the Annual Graduation Powwow

Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly, May 12, 2015

We have had an exciting winter and thank you to everyone who helped to make the term a success.

Soup and Bread Lectures: January to March 2015
Jade Weimer was our coordinator for our lecture series this term and did a fine job of scheduling the events, arranging audio-visual needs, introducing our speakers and handling question period. Behind the scenes Diana DeFoort assisted with posters and ordering the food, and Ian Park and members of his Food Services team presented us with a selection of delicious vegetarian soups and tasty breads. Thank you Jade, Diana and Ian and of course, thanks to all of our speakers.

Soup and Bread lectures this term included:
Wednesday, January 28th, Lisa Alexandrin "Images of the Prophet Muhammad: Historical Considerations"
Tuesday, February 3rd Erin Millions, “Exploring Emotion, Empire, and Material Culture in Metis Children’s Letters from School, 1850s and 1860s”
Wednesday, March 4th Murray Evans, “Coleridge’s Subline and Julia Kristeva’s ‘This Incredible Need to Believe’”

Tuesday, March 10th Anthony Waterman, “What do we mean by ‘genius?’ The example of Paul Samuelson.”
Wednesday, March 11th Jade Weimer, "Teaching Religion in Academia"

Brown Bag Lunch Lectures: January to April, 2015
Once again, Retired Fellow, Rod Clifton, has taken on the responsibility of organizing our Brown Bag series where invited guests give a short lecture in an informal setting. This is an opportunity for members of St. John’s to hear from a variety of speakers and to share in good conversation and free desserts. Thank you, Rod, for helping to make this series so engaging.

Brown Bag Lecture Series Winter 2015:
Tuesday, February 24--The Rev’d Jamie Howison, “Jazz as Resilient Lament: Coltrane Speaks the Blues”
Tuesday, March 17–The Right Rev. Linda Nicholls, “Can Anglicans talk to others or do they need to talk to themselves first? The Right Rev. Linda Nicholls is Suffragan Bishop in the diocese of Toronto and was visiting SJC.
“Wednesday, March 18 – Dovie Thomason, Winter 2015 Writer/Storyteller in Residence at the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture, spoke on “Turtle Island Stories.” This special wine and cheese event was jointly sponsored by the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture and the College and we thank Warren Cariou for helping to make the event a success.

Andre Lewis spoke about the history of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) and his own career path from student to artistic director in his presentation, "Reaching Your Potential." We had good audience of approximately sixty people. College Fellows and invited guests joined Mr. Lewis before the lecture for a gourmet dinner in the Cross Common Room and audience members were invited to a post-lecture reception in the Galleria. The food at both events was superb and we appreciate the work of Ian Park and his staff from Food Services. Many other people worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success and kudos to Amy Craddock, Jackie Markstrom, Jill Stafford and Elorna Wiebe for their efforts. In particular, Diana DeFoort should be recognized for her organizational skills and attention to detail. She helped to keep the whole project moving forward. Finally, thank you to all who were able to attend the Lecture.

St. John’s College Bach’s Birthday Recital and Reception, March 19th. The recital is a public concert in tribute to Lawrence Ritchey and in honour of our Retired Fellows and Staff. The recital was held in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist at 2:30 p.m. featuring performances by Andre Washington, cello and Viktoria Grynenko, violin and was followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room. Both events were well attended.

Student Art Competition: Our art committee, consisting of Susie Fisher, Susan Close, Heather Graham, Elizabeth Alexandrin, Krista Barclay and Ian Park organized our 2015 St. John’s College Student Art Competition and our three judges were Susan Close, Acey Rowe and Liv Valmestad.
The three winners in the 2015 St. John’s College Student Art Competition were:
First Place prize of $300. Adele Van Gend, "The Blue Mosque - Istanbul"/"The Hagia Sophia - Instanbul"
Second Place prize of $200.Cailyn Harrison, "Persistence of Time"
Third Place prize of $100. Patrician Eschuk, “Inner Sanctum.”
The artwork was on display in the Daily Bread Café from Sunday, March 8th until Sunday, March 29th and the official results of the competition were announced on Thursday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Daily Bread cafe at the reception catered by Ian Park’s Food Services. We thank all committee members for their efforts and a special thank you to Diana for assisting with advertising and to Ian for displaying the art and hosting the reception for us.

**St. John's College Grads' Farewell Dinner and Dance. Saturday, March 21, 2015.** The St. John's College Students' Association held their Grad Farewell Dinner and Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard on March 21st. The evening featured the Valedictory Address, the Changing of the Sticks and the Presentation of the Fellow of the Year Award to Barry Ferguson. Our St. John’s College students put a great deal of effort into the evening and we wish them every success with their future plans.

**End of term reception:** Tuesday, April 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**End of term barbeque:** Thursday, April 9th from 11:30 to 1:30.

**Honours and Awards.** Since my last report, two College Fellows have received awards. **Barry Ferguson**, Professor in History and Duff Roblin Professor of Government, was named the 2015 St. John’s College Students’ Association Fellow of the Year for Excellence in Teaching and Research. Congratulations, Barry, on that well deserved award. **Diana Brydon**, Distinguished Professor, Director of the Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies and Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, was awarded the 2014 Dr. John W. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award at a ceremony in the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre on April 27, 2015. The ceremony was followed by a lecture by Dr. Brydon entitled, “Canada in the World Today: Insights into the Humanities.” This is a prestigious honour recognizing Dr. Brydon’s outstanding achievements.

**Departures from the College:** Three Fellows will be leaving the College this year: Krista Barclay (Research Fellow), Amy Scott (Research Fellow) and Murray Evans (Visiting Fellow) and we wish them all the best with their future plans. Several new Fellows will be joining us for the fall and more information will be circulated at a later date.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies

**Chaplain**

No report

**Bursar**

**Bursar’s report to Assembly May 12, 2015**

The flooring in the Galleria has been replaced, and we are pleased with the results. The laminate flooring will be much easier to maintain and keep clean.

Our audit is schedule for May 26th, and the Assistant Bursar and I are preparing and working on our year end files.
Summer sessions has begun, and we currently have approximately 35 students in the residence, split evenly between IEP students and regular students. Additional groups who are scheduled to stay with us are more international students through IEP, the Northern access group who we have once again raised funds to support, and a Nigerian group who will be attending the World Cup FIFA event. Currently it appears as though we will be adequately busy for the summer, but we are still looking for more opportunities.

Our new Dean of Residence, Caileigh Morrison, was here for the first week of May, orienting herself to the College and getting a feel for the residence. We were very pleased with how engaged she was, and the initiative she took. We're looking forward to having her back June 1st for her official start date. She will be living in the residence for the summer while she looks for more permanent housing.

The strategic planning committee met, where we continued to fine tune the survey questions so as to solicit the most valuable and relevant information we can, in an efficient manner.

**Dean of Residence**

No report

**Development Officer**

Development Officer Report to Assembly

May, 2015

**Fundraising**

- Received a grant of $1,000 to attend a workshop in Regina.
- Received a $5,000 sponsorship for the Health Quest Career Camp.
- Increased annual giving by 6% from 2014 to 2015 fiscal year.

**Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Met with Bob Hawkins in Regina.

**Special Events**

- The next Lunch and Lively Conversation is scheduled for September and will feature a presentation by Esyllt Jones.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Bernie and I are working on the format.

**Marketing/Communications**

- The latest issue of In Lumine is being put together
- Annual Report To Donors is almost ready to be mailed
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

**Staffing**

- We have one student coming in over the summer for a couple of mornings a week.
Misc

- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Attended the CAGP conference in Halifax.
- Jill and I attended the Planned Giving in a Day workshop in Regina.
- Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2015/2016.
- Will be doing a full programme evaluation in June

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
11th May, 2015

Librarian

No report

Registrar

Upcoming:

HeadStart – June 6. This is formerly known as the Parent’s Program, in which students and their parents are invited onto campus for an orientation to the campus, registration, and the services and facilities available. This is always a good recruitment opportunity to attract students to the College, and especially Jumpstart.

Jumpstart – Dates TBA. Our annual new student orientation, planned by our Students’ Association. As we did last year, we will be holding our orientation in conjunction with the University of Manitoba Orientation in September as this has proven to increase attendance of JumpStart.

U of M Orientation Info Fair – Dates TBA. This is held the two days before the start of classes, for first year students.

b) Report from Senior Stick

c) Reports from College Committees

7. Adjournment

C. Trott/A. Perry
CARRIED
### St John’s College – Standing Committees (2015 – 2016)

#### Art, Music, Social

**Warden**  
Dean of Studies

**Art**  
Curator, L. Roberts (2015-2016)

**Student Art Exhibit**  
E. Alexandrin (winter 2016)  
S. Fisher (fall 2015)  
Stephanie Pyne (2015-2016)  
Krista Walters (2015-2016)  
Christina Penner (winter 2016)

**Music**  
Music Fellow, K. Markstrom

**Social**  
Soup and Bread  
Jade Weimer (2015-2016)

#### Assembly Executive

(4 members elected by Assembly for 3-year or lesser terms; at least one shall be a student)

Warden  
Dean of Studies  
Dean of Theology  
Chair: E. Jones  
R. Coutts (2015-2016)  
K. Markstrom (2015-2016)  
B. Peeler (2015-2016)  
A. Perry (2015-2016)  
Student: (Senior Stick)

#### Assembly Representatives on Faculty of Theology

(2 members appointed by Assembly upon the nomination of the Dean of Theology)

**Suspended**

#### Council Representatives

(6 members appointed by and from Assembly, of whom at least 1 shall be a College Fellow and at least 1 shall be a student)

D. Brydon (2015-2016)  
S. Close (2015-2016)  
J. Dean (fall 2015)  
R. Coutts (winter 2016)  
H. Enns (2015-2016)  
L. Wilkinson (2015-2016)  
Student (2015-2016)

#### Finance and Administration

(3 members elected by Assembly)  
(A = Assembly, C = Council)

**Chancellor**  
Vice Chancellor  
Bursar  
Dean of Theology  
Dean of Studies  
B. Beare (C)  
G. Baldwin (C)  
J. James (2015-2016)  
A. Perry (2015-2016)  
D. Watt (fall 2015)  
J. Dean (fall 2015)  
B. Hallman (winter 2016)  
L. Kuffert (2015-2016)

#### Honorary Degrees

(Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and four members appointed annually by and from Assembly)

Chancellor  
Vice-Chancellor  
H. Enns (2015-2016)  
B. Erickson (fall 2015)  
B. Hallman (winter 2016)  
K. Walters (2015-2016)  
S. Pyne (2015-2016)

#### Membership

Warden  
Dean of Studies (Chair)  
L. Roberts (2015-2016)  
B. Ferguson (2015-2016)  
L. Kuffert (2015-2016)  
J. Dueck (fall 2015)  
B. Peeler (2015-2016)

#### Religious Affairs

(2 members of Assembly, 1 Theology student, 1 other student)

Chaplain  
R. Clifton (2015-2016)  
S. Fisher (fall 2015)  
J. Weimer (winter 2016)  
Theology student  
Student:

#### Scholarship

(4 Fellows elected by Assembly)

Warden  
Dean of Studies (Chair)  
Registrar  
Dean of Residence  
J. Dueck (fall 2015)  
P. Jenkins (2015-2016)  
J. Peyton (winter 2016)  
E. Alexandrin (winter 2016)  
A. Scott (fall 2015)  
W. Cariou (fall 2015)  
Development Officer: (as resource)

#### Student Affairs

(3 students, preferably 1 day & 1 Res. 1 member of Assembly)

Warden  
Dean of Studies  
Dean of Residence  
Registrar  
Vice-Stick  
B. Peeler (2015-2016)  
Res. Student:  
Day Student:  
Student:

#### Visiting Speakers/Canadian Studies

Warden  
Dean of Studies (Chair)  
C. Penner (winter 2016)  
B. Erickson (2015-2016)  
W. Cariou (fall 2015)  
D. McCance (winter 2016)  
P. Jenkins (2015-2016)  
L. Wilkinson (2015-2016)  
G. Bak (2015-2016)

#### Esquire Bedells

J. Weimer  
A. Scott
St John’s College  
Warden’s Report to Assembly  
September 22, 2015

This past summer I actually took full five weeks of holidays for the first time in my career. I won’t mention the 30 wineries to explore, the fresh cheese and cider from l’Abbaye St Benoit du Lac, the free concerts at the Orford Festival, the chocolate museum because they are not relevant to the work of Assembly. Despite my absence the College continues to be a hive of activity over the summer and even my schedule covers a surprising number of activities:

1) Represented the College at the Distinguished Alumni Awards (May 12)
2) Attended the TD Bank gift announcement of a donation for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (May 13)
3) Represented the College at 4 of the University Convocation Ceremonies (May 26-28)
4) Attended a meeting on the future of Chaplaincy at the College (May 28)
5) Participated in the meetings of the Allies Group (June 2, June 11)
6) Attended the Heads of Anglican Colleges meetings at Huron College in London (June 7-9). Visited Alumni in London.
7) Visited Alumni in Falcon Lake (June 16)
8) Represented the College at St John’s Ravenscourt Convocation (June 19)
9) Attended Indigenous Community Network Update (June 25)
10) Visited Alumni in Calgary (August 24)
11) Participated in the hiring interviews at the Centre for Christian Studies (September 1)
12) Attended an External Relations Breakfast (September 3)
13) Attended Native Studies Department Retreat (September 8, 9)
14) Met with Councillor Janice Lukes re: housing issues in Fort Richmond
15) Participated in a Tenure Committee (September 16)

Throughout the summer I have been working on a major project: the Strategic Planning process at the College. We have undertaken the survey of College Fellows, students and Alumni, reviewed the results and come up with drafts of parts of the strategic plan. This has been exciting work and the committee has had many lively discussions.
Report to Assembly. September 22, 2015
Dean of Studies
Brenda Cantelo

We are gearing up to have a busy year and welcome some new faces to the College.

Two new Fellows are joining St. John’s:

**Visiting Fellows:**

**Christina Penner.** Christina is an Instructor 2 in the Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Science and teaches first-year programming courses, third and fourth-year courses in Technical Communication, and a third-year course in Professional Practice. Besides her interest in computer science, Ms. Penner also holds a M.A. in English from the University of Manitoba. Her first novel, *Widows of Hamilton House.* Enfield and Wizenty, Winnipeg, MB. 2008 won the Manitoba Day Award from the Association of Manitoba Archivists and was nominated for three literary awards: the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award, the Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for Best First Book by a Manitoba Writer and the John Hirsch Award for Most Promising Manitoba Writer. She has won several grants from the Manitoba Arts Council in support of her writing.

While at St. John’s, Christina will be working on her second novel, *Kate’s Pharmacy,* which uses text messages, social media and web-based interactions to solve a mystery. The novel investigates and exposes how technology fosters and changes relationships.

Although we now welcome Ms. Penner officially as a Visiting Fellow and faculty member, Christina has had a long association with the College. As a graduate student she attended seminars here and while completing her first novel, *Widows of Hamilton House,* she was able to discuss her work with Fellows Warren Cariou and Robert Kroetsch. It’s a pleasure to have Christina back with us once again.

**Paul Jenkins**

Paul holds a Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow, and specializes in early modern British and European religious and intellectual history. His current work, provisionally titled, “Contesting the Boundaries of Belief: Mystical Reasoning and Scepticism in ‘Early Enlightenment’ Scotland,” examines the relationship between religious Reformation activism and the rise of European Enlightenment (c.1650-c.1740). This project focuses on a series of overlapping religious and philosophical debates broadly linked to two of the trends most commonly associated with the rise of European Enlightenment: (1) the declining significance of demonic agency and the crime of witchcraft, together with their conceptual cousin, heresy; and (2) the corresponding rise of rationalism, religious relativism, and toleration. In addition, Paul has an active interest in the area of the history of philanthropy and higher education and his study, *Serving the Advancement of Knowledge and Education: the First Fifty Years of the William F. Vilas Trust (1961-2011)* was published in 2014. Since 2012 Dr. Jenkins has been a Sessional Lecturer in the History Department, and a Research Affiliate at the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Manitoba.
Retired Fellows
Two of our long-standing Senior Fellows at St. John’s, David Arnason and James Dean, will be retiring as of December 31, 2015. David and Jim have made significant contributions to the College over the decades and have been instrumental in building a vibrant community at St. John’s. We can’t thank them enough for their support, and we wish them many years of relaxation in their retirement. Luckily, Retired Fellows still remain part of the College community and our friendships with Jim and David will continue.

Our Retired Fellows’ offices are located on the third floor of the old wing, and the offices of Anthony Waterman, Rod Clifton, Mary Kinnear, Kathryn Young, Dennis Cooley, David Punter, Robert Thomas, George Baldwin, Francis Carroll, Peter Penner, Gerry Friesen can be found across from the library.

In addition, all Retired Fellows are encouraged to use the Reading Room across the hall in room 315. The room has been fitted with comfortable chairs for reading, conversation and small meetings, and a coat rack for Fellows who come on an occasional basis.

Upcoming Events for Fall 2015

Tuesday, September 15th, Barbeque. Join us at the Daily Bread Cafe patio between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for a free Barbeque which we will be hosting again with St. Paul’s College. In case of rain, the location will be the Cross Common Room.

Wednesday, September 15th Opening of Term Reception. We will be having our opening of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and once again Ian Park will provide us with another lovely offering featuring an assortment of canapés and wine. By the way, our Bursar, Ivan Froese will be on hand to take photos for the College, so new Fellows please make sure you have a quick picture taken.

Thursday, Sept 17 - 7 p.m. public Theology Lecture at St Margaret’s Church.

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast. Cross Common Room.

Tuesday, September 22nd. Assembly. 2:30 p.m. All Fellows should attend.

Monday, September 28th. Lunch and Lively Conversation. Details to be announced.

Sunday, October 4th Matriculation. 3:00 p.m. St. John’s College Chapel. New members are welcomed to the college at our annual Matriculation ceremony where they receive a pin and sign a College membership book which dates back until 1866.

Tuesday, October 20th Assembly meets at 2:30 p.m.. All Fellows should attend.

Saturday, Oct 24th. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast. Cross Common Room.
Wednesday, October 28th Celebrating Excellence at St. John’s College. 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
We will be hosting another reception to recognize the outstanding achievements of our Fellows. In addition to acknowledging new publications, this year we will also be including distinctions such as teaching, academic, professional and community awards. Don’t be shy about informing me of your accomplishments since we all want to celebrate your success. A memo will be sent out in early October requesting information.

A table of sample publications will also be set up the following week at Convocation. Members of the public pay a lot of attention to this display and are always interested in speaking to the authors, so attend Convocation if you can.

Sunday, November 1st. Luncheon at 12:50 p.m. Convocation at 3:00 p.m. This is a formal event of the College when we confer honorary degrees, present student scholarships and bursaries and celebrate the achievements of all College members. Convocation is the single most important institutional event of the year and it is important that as many Fellows as possible attend. Invitations will be sent to Fellows early in the term.

Nov 5-7th. "The West Before (and after) the West: A Meeting of Western Canadian Studies." Scholars from a range of disciplines will discuss western histories (including St. John’s College), literatures, and past and present societies. Please have a look at the conference programme and registration at [http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/events/218.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/events/218.html) and we look forward to seeing fellows, staff and students at the conference! The conference organizers very much appreciate the support of the College, College staff including Sherry Peters and Amy Craddock.

Sunday, Nov 15 - 3 p.m. Systema Fundraising Concert in Chapel

Saturday, Nov 28th. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast. Cross Common room.

Wednesday, December 2nd End of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th . 2:00 p.m.. St. John’s College Annual Xmas Party. Children and grandchildren of St. John’s Fellows are invited to the annual party which features gifts, food and a special visit from St. Nicholas.

Other events to watch for:

We are now organizing our Soup and Bread lectures, where speakers are invited to give short presentations on their research interests in the Senior Common Room. Presentations are generally twenty minutes long and are followed by a short question period. This year, Jade Weimer will be coordinating the lectures. There will be two special Soup and Breads scheduled for October for Fellows and staff to discuss the draft Strategic Plan. Free soup, bread and salad!

Enjoy the term and let me know if I can help advertise any upcoming events for you.
Chaplain’s Report to Assembly

September 22, 2015

- Over the summer, I did continuing education at Victoria Hospital under the chaplain there.
- I’ve also been working with representatives in the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and United Churches to propose a joint, full-time, Protestant chaplaincy based at St. John’s College beginning in fall 2016.
- Chapel services are reduced this year because of poor attendance last year; meditation has been postponed for the same reason.
- Safe sex & healthy living programming continues in the residence.
- Bible & breakfast is three times this semester with speakers from CCS, U of W, and Providence UC: Sept 19, Oct 24, Nov 28.
- An English conversation group for all students is beginning Sept 24; still thinking about where to host it (my background is in teaching EAL and there is a huge need for better integration of international students at the College).
- I took the student council on a leadership retreat to Camp Arnes Sept 11-12.
- A dinner & discussion group for Christian students is beginning Sept 24.
- A group of students is planning to team up for the “Walk a Mile” in support of West Broadway Community Ministry.
- We have no counselling intern this year because there is a shortage of counselling students available.
Bursars’ report to Assembly September 22nd 2015

Financial

The auditors were here in May, and the on site review lasted for 2.5 days. We recently received draft statements, and the approval process is ongoing (Finance & Admin Committee, as well as Council).

Summer residence

We had much lower numbers in the residence than we had hoped and anticipated. Two summer student groups that had been discussed with IEP ended up not materializing, and overall their numbers were down. Their program appears to be in a state of flux at the moment, and quite undependable. This is due to competing preferences between home stay and residence stay, as well as their pricing structure. As a result, we made other efforts to attract difference, more short term groups and individuals. During the Women’s World Cup event, we had many international soccer fans staying with us. However, this is not a viable long term strategy for us. We are much more effective when we have larger, long term groups and we will be looking for alternatives to IEP for 2105-16.

Grounds

Meetings with physical plant were held to discuss a new landscaping plan for both St John’s and St Paul’s College. This is dependant on funding from the university being available, and will likely be rolled out in stages over the next few years. However, we were able to have the large trees in front of the Chapel removed, which will make that a much more usable space. I’m working with grounds to figure out how to add some new benches and trees to go in their place.
Dean of Residence Report

Residence Projects
I guess that I am the newest residence project! I have been settling into the routine here and learning the ropes. Otherwise, no major changes in the residence.

Regular Semester
As of September 14th, we have one room available in the residence after two students moved out in the first week. I have put out the call to the waiting list and am now contacting students who have made inquiries but never applied. I assume we will fill it by January at the very latest, though I’m hoping to get someone much sooner. IEP only contracted 4 rooms this year, so we have filled the gap by accepting more ICM students. The residence is currently 50% first-year students and 55% international.

Summer Session
This summer was particularly quiet. In June we accommodated a number of FIFA fans here to see the games. In July the residence was a bit of a ghost town; there were only 30-40 residents at any given time. August was very busy however, with IEP taking up all the empty spaces.

Residence Activity
For the 2015-2016 academic year, the dons are:

- Simone da Silva Rosa (Sr. Don)
- Noah Gilfix
- Morgan Taverner
- Momo Watanabe

They’ve already proven themselves to be hard workers and great leaders, and I’m excited to work with them this year!

Res Council is finally starting to take shape. After sorting through a lot of confusing information, I figured out that last year’s res council never held an election for officers. This means that on September 28th, dons Morgan and Momo will act as returning officers and hold an election for ALL positions, from Co-Presidents to Hall Rep. Hopefully, the new council will be able to gel on a shorter timeframe and partner with the dons and with student council on some exciting activities.
Development Officer Report to Assembly
September, 2015

Fundraising
• Gifts received since April as at today = $49,176
• Successfully raised the funds for the Health Quest Camp
• Fall appeal is on track to go out in late October
• Three scholarships/bursaries have been initiated this year.

Alumni/Stewardship
• Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
• Endowed Fund Trust letters were mailed mid-May.
• The Annual Report to Donors was mailed in June and we received positive feedback.

Special Events
• Attending the Homecoming Dinner on the 3rd October, 2015
• Lunch and Lively Conversation will be held on the 28th September.
• Convocation luncheon - 1st November

150th Anniversary Celebrations
• Jill has taken over as coordinator for the 150th Anniversary celebrations
• A year-long schedule of events is being collated and will be put into a brochure format
• Year starts September 2016 and ends with a reunion weekend at the end of April 2017.

Marketing/Communications
• Positive feedback from our last issue of In Lumine.

Staffing
• Aaron Friesen (grandson of grad Ted Poulter, ’58) helped out in the Development Office over the summer two mornings a week.
• Currently have four volunteers coming in on a regular basis to update the database and help with archiving the photos.
• Have applied for a work/study student and are waiting to receive applications – we know we have one!

Misc
• Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
• Prepared an evaluation of the fundraising revenue which Jill and I included in the Development Plan for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
15th September, 2015
Registrar’s Report to Assembly  
September 22, 2015

**Recruitment:** We participated in the University’s Head Start program on June 6, 2015, and Orientation September 8 & 9, 2015. Both were successful events, adding members to the College as well as connecting with first-year members.

**JumpStart:** As it did last year, JumpStart to coincide with the University of Manitoba Orientation days. This resulted in higher enrollment, with 15 participants.

**Upcoming:**  
October 4 is Matriculation. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you will be attending.  
End of October is the Evening of Excellence. I don’t have the date yet, but it is usually in the last week of October.  
November 1 is Convocation and your invitations are in your mailbox.

Sherry Peters  
Registrar
Senior Stick Report to Assembly
September 2015

JumpStart was a success this year where 15 students showed up for the orientation. Most of the students who have attended Jumpstart was very pleased with the knowledge we have as upper year students who they can come and approach us with any help they need for certain courses. They really appreciated the fact that they were able to meet first year university students who are interested in going towards a common degree/study at the university.

Sincerely,
Eun-Ah Lee