ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes (Amended)

For the meeting of March 22, 2016 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John's College

Present: D. Brydon, B. Cantelo, S. Close, A. Courey, R. Coutts, H. Enns, B. Ferguson, I. Froese, B. Hallman, J. James, L. Kuffert, E. Lee, J. Markstrom, D. McCance, M. Minor, B. Peeler, A. Perry, C. Trott, J. Weimer, L. Wilkinson, E. Jones (Chair), C. Morrison (Secretary)

Regrets: W. Pope, G. Bak, R. Thomas, A. Scott, C. Penner

1. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed with the following amendments:
switch 4b and c. New business f: discussion of U of M Press
L. Kuffert / B. Hallman
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on January 19, 2016.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2016, be approved as distributed.
B. Cantelo / B. Ferguson
CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting
None

4. New Business
   a) Nominate new Chair for 2016 – 2017 academic year – MOTION: B. Cantelo
      nominates Struan Sinclair for fall term and Len Kuffert for the winter term.
      MOTION: J. James makes a motion for no more nominations. Vote of approval.
      CARRIED
   b) Budget for 2016 – 2017 – MOTION: the Finance and Admin. Committee
      recommends to assembly the approval of the 2016-2017 operating budget.
      CARRIED
      Committee recommends to Assembly the approval of the 2016-2017 increase of
      3% for residence fees.
      CARRIED
   d) Fellows Recognition Award – MOTION: the Fellows Recognition Award
      committee recommends we bestow the Fellows Recognition Award to Dr. Francis
      Carroll at the November 2016 Convocation.
      CARRIED
   e) Warden’s Review – The committee met and called for commentary from the
      College community as well as interviewing the warden. It then made a
      recommendation to the Chancellor. Council voted to accept the recommendation.
      The committee has completed its deliberations. The Board of Governors must
      approve it and then C. Trott will sign off.
   f) The Role of the UofM Press – MOTION: In order to recognize the integral role
      of the University of Manitoba Press in the intellectual and social life of the College
      for more than a decade, and to ensure its most effective functioning, it is
      proposed that as long as the Press remains physically located in St. John's
College, the Director be a voting Member of College Assembly with all the rights and duties attached to Assembly Membership. Accordingly, Assembly requests that Assembly Executive, which may authorize Assembly membership (See Statutes B.1.o) addresses this proposal favourably at its next meeting and informs College Assembly at its next meeting.
B. Ferguson / I. Froese.
CARRIED

5. Other Business
Senior Common Room dues go to L. Kuffert. He is also the new Faculty Association representative.
A. Courey urges Assembly to come to the social for Syrian Refugees.

6. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Assembly
March 22, 2016

The last couple of months have seemed the most “business as usual” months that I can remember during the course of my Wardenship. This is in part due to the fact that we are not offering a course with St Margaret’s Church this term due to timetabling difficulties on their part. We should be offering it again next fall. Our other theology projects (Wilmot Lectures, Engage Difference program) are now more easily organized due to experience. I engaged the Warden’s review process, which was very helpful to reflect on what had been accomplished (and what has not) over the past five years.

1) I attended the Winnipeg Foundation breakfast (January 21)
2) I represented the College at the St Paul’s Day Mass and celebration of their 90th anniversary at St Paul’s College (January 24)
3) I represented the College at John Harvard’s funeral (January 25)
4) I hosted Tanya Tagaq while she was here for the Ward Lecture (January 25)
5) I attended the SJCSA Social at the Hub (January 29)
6) I attended the Indigenous Achievement Networking meeting (Feb 3)
7) Attended a meeting with CCS and U of W about theological education (Feb 4)
8) Met with the University Librarian about library services at the College
9) Met with Lutheran Bishop and our Chaplain about Chaplaincy (Feb 11)
10) Attended Lunch and Lively Conversation (Feb 16)
11) Attended lunch with United Church and Presbyterian representatives over Chaplaincy
12) Went of Fundraising and Donor relations trip to Vancouver (Feb 18-20)
13) Participated in the Native Studies headship search (Feb 29, Mar 2)
14) Attended Native Studies Grad Student Conference (Mar 4,5)
15) Represented the College at the Emerging Leaders Dinner
16) Attended the National Reconciliation Gathering (Mar 11)

Throughout this entire period I have been active in a group appointed by Diocesan Synod to look at the theological understanding of reconciliation. I have also been actively involved in the Allies Group at the U of M (now called Gaa wii jii diyang). I continue to represent the College on the partners group of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
Events for Winter term, 2016

Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Opening of Term Reception. Senior Common Room 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25, 2015. 32nd annual Marjorie Ward Lecture. Tanya Tagaq, “Arctic Origins: Perspective through Art.” Our 32nd annual Marjorie Ward Lecture a complete success. Inuit songwriter and artist, Tanya Tagaq spoke about her Inuit background and the ways in which it influenced her development as an artist, and gave a live demonstration of throat singing. The event attracted a large audience of over one hundred and ten people from the university and community and everyone was invited to a post-lecture reception in the Galleria. Afterwards College Fellows and invited guests joined Ms. Tagaq for a gourmet dinner in the Cross Common Room. The food at both events was superb and we thank Ian Park and his staff from Food Services for doing such a fine job. Many other people worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success and we thank Amy Craddock, Caileigh Morrison, Jackie Markstrom, Jill Stafford, Ivan Froese and Elnora 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.

Soup and Bread Lecture Series. Our series continues this term with Jade Weimer coordinating events. All lectures take place in the Senior Common Room at noon. Thanks to Food Services for the salads, vegetarian soups and bread.

Tuesday Jan 26 – Jade Weimer, “Music as Tool of Rhetoric & Recruitment in Early Christianity”
Tuesday Feb 9 – Amy Scott, “Health and Stress in Medieval and Post-Medieval Denmark”
Tuesday Feb 23 – Adele Perry, “Municipal Water Supply and Settler Colonialism”
Wednesday March 2 – Stephanie Pyné, “Cybercartography and the Residential Schools Land Mapping Project”
Wednesday, March 16 – Jonathan Peyton, “Canoes, Canneries, Cruises: Marine Colonialism on B.C’s coast.”
Wednesday March 30 – Robert Coutts, “Heritage and the Landscape of Memory: Constructing Historic Space in Western Canada.”

Congratulations to:

Diana Brydon, Senior Fellow, on receiving an honorary doctorate from Linnaeus University in Sweden. This is a prestigious honour and Dr. Brydon will be travelling to Sweden in the spring for the official presentation. Congratulations from all of us!

Amy Scott, Research Fellow, for receiving a tenure track appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the University of New Brunswick. Amy is currently teaching at the University of Manitoba and will start her new position in July.
Amy completed and defended her doctoral dissertation this past fall in the Department of Anthropology here at the University of Manitoba. Her thesis is entitled 'Putting stress to the test: a critical evaluation of the biological response and physical manifestation of stress in the human skeleton'.

We will miss Amy and her lively presentations on topics such as vampire graves, but we also celebrate her good news.

**Jade Weimer, Research Fellow** on her successful dissertation defense at the University of Toronto (Religion) in early December, 2015.

Jade’s dissertation title is "Musical Assemblies: How Early Christian music functioned as a Rhetorical Topos, a Mechanism of Recruitment, and a Fundamental Marker of an Emerging Christian Identity."

Jade uses cognitive science and anthropological theories of music to argue that early Christian music functioned in a number of previously unidentified ways. It was a key ritual practice that shaped early Christian identities and helped define boundary markers between early conceptions of orthodoxy and heresy. Discourse on the subject of music also functioned as a rhetorical device and song was used to as a way to recruit new members.

It sounds like a fascinating topic and we will look forward to hearing more. Well done, Jade!

**Retirements**

We have had retirement parties this term for two of our Senior Fellows, David Arnason (English) and James Dean (Economics).

Both parties were well attended and gave us a chance to honour Jim and David’s contributions to the College and to celebrate their upcoming retirement. David’s party was on March 9th and the College presented him with a watercolour print of the Chapel and a gift certificate to Chew restaurant. The following month we celebrated Jim’s retirement on March 8th when we gave him a Proch print and a gift certificate. Although Jim and David have retired officially, they will both continue to be associated with the College; Jim will be a Retired Fellow and David will be a Senior Scholar. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you Jim and David for all your years of service to the College. Best wishes for your retirement.

**Other Events**

**Saturday, March 19th:** St. John’s College Students’ Association St. John’s College Grad’s Farewell Dinner & Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard. The grad will include the following events: honouring of College Graduates, the presentation of the Fellow of The Year Award, the Valedictory Address and the Changing of the Sticks. Congratulations to all of our grads.

**Wednesday, April 6th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. End of Term Reception in the Senior Common Room.**

**Planning for 150th Anniversary**

Plans are well underway for a series of events to mark the 150th anniversary of St. John’s College. Jill Stafford is coordinating a number of special events such as lectures, dinners to be held throughout the academic 2016-2017 year. Details to follow.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies

Chaplain

Chaplain Report to Assembly, March 2016

- Bible & Breakfast with Roy Jeal (Booth UC) on January 30 and Janet Ross (CCS) on Feb 20 was excellent. We had about 20 participants for the one and 30 for the other. Vincent Solomon (MCC) will join us on Mar 19 to talk about Cree understanding of the land and the Hebrew Bible
- The Presbyterian and United churches have agreed to join with us to form a joint chaplaincy by first striking a board to work on a job description, mission statement, and begin plans for hiring the next chaplain
- Our Journey into Holy week service is this coming Sunday, March 20, with the friends of the college choir, directed by John Tanner
- The new dinner & discussion group draws anywhere from 2-10 students each week, where we have discussed racism, physician-assisted death, abortion, creation & evolution, and poverty & wealth. We begin by reading several passages from the bible on the topic, and then move on to discussion.
- Fundraising continues for two Syrian refugee students to live in our residence for 2016-2018, having raised $18,000 toward our $48,000 goal so far. In collaboration with student council and others, we have run a balloon fundraiser in university centre, an intercultural coffee house on March 18, and are planning a large eighties-themed social for April 15 at the Glenberry-Norlee community centre in St. Vital. Tickets for the social are available at the front desk or from Allison.
- A small group of students and I are going to assist with an interfaith service for the international day to end racism on March 21 at Crossroads/West Broadway Community Services
- Funding applications and plans are underway to host a social justice day camp, not unlike the national Anglican “Justice Camp” for young teens during the third week of July at SJC

Bursar

Bursars’ report to Assembly March 22nd, 2016

Financial

Our main focus during the last month has been establishing the residence rate for 2016-17, and striking the 2016-17 operating budget. Despite the rising cost of food, we were able to restrict the residence rate increase to 3%. In 2015-16, it was 3.9%. We are pleased that we are able to minimize the increase as we are fully aware that costs are going up generally for students as well.

The parameters established by College Council instructed administration to strike a balanced budget in Other Operations & Theology excluding the Capital Campaign. Theology continues to pay down its accumulated debt, and Other Operations continues to aim to run balanced budgets while providing as much value to students as possible. As we anticipate the official launch of our Capital Campaign, various costs will be incurred including travel, campaign materials/publishing, events, etc.

In an effort to improve our summer conference/residence activities, we have partnered with MITT (Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology) who will be housing some of their student groups at St John’s in July and August.

In addition to setting the 2016-17 budget, we continue to work towards year end, and will be starting our audit preparations shortly.
**Food Service**
While our food service operations at the college have always been one of our strengths, it is important to periodically review and assess things, even if they are successful. Ian Park and I plan to hold a series of meetings with people who represent various areas of our customer base to determine what our priorities should be, what things can be improved upon, and what we should continue to focus on. Our hope is for St John’s Food Service to be a manifestation of the greater goals and ethos of the College as a whole, acting as a service to the community while simultaneously generating the revenue necessary to support the academic life of our students.

**Dean of Residence**

**Residence Projects**
There are no major projects happening in the residence right now.

**Regular Semester**
There were two empty rooms in January and February, but we are currently at capacity thanks to some short-term IEP students. The new application form was posted on the website in February and I’ve already received a number of applications for the summer and 2016-2017 sessions. Don interviews will be conducted next week.

**Residence Activity**
The stove was removed from the Buttery after another fire alarm at the end of reading break. So far, no further fire alarms have occurred and the students are making do with the microwave and toaster.

Res Council has hosted a number of events this term. One highlight was a trip to the Legislature, where we unexpectedly encountered a film crew working on a movie. The council will be hosting an end of year banquet in the Cross Common Room on April 2nd. There was a decent amount leftover in the res programming budget for this fiscal year, so the dons are planning a movie night on March 29th at St. Vital Cineplex.

**Development Officer**

Development Officer Report to Assembly
March, 2016

**Fundraising**

- Currently sitting at just over $156,000 raised.
- The Fall Campaign breakdown: Overall response rate of 5.2% (last year 5.2%) total raised $32,126 (last year $26,111).
- Current projects include Syrian Refugees, chairs for the Daily Bread, Health Quest Career Camp and the Social Justice Summer Camp

**Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
• Chris and I visited with alum and donors in Vancouver/Victoria from the 18th-20th February including a gentleman who we have been trying to get a visit with for a few years.
• I visited with one of our Toronto people whilst in Toronto last week.

**Special Events**
• The last “Lunch and Lively Conversation” was very well received by Alumni/donors. The next one is scheduled for April.
• Bach’s Birthday – A Tribute to Retired Fellows will be held on 24th March and will feature a concert in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room.
• 150th Anniversary Celebrations planning continue.

**Marketing/Communications**
• The next issue of In Lumine will be out in a couple of weeks.
• Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

**Staffing**
• Luther our Work Study student completed his term last week. He helped work on the 150th anniversary planning and several other projects.
• We have put in a funding request to Canada Summer jobs for a summer student.

**Misc**
• Jill and I are holding a planning morning on the Monday, 28th March to review the year and start planning Development Office activities for 2016/2017
• Will be doing a full programme evaluation after the 31st March, 2016.

**Registrar**

**Recruitment:** *February 17 & 18* were the Info Days in the University Centre in which high school students are brought to campus to learn about the campus and the different programs offered. March 7 – 9, the Dean of Residence and I attended the Brandon Career Symposium. Both events were successful in drawing interest in the College and informing high school students of the benefits of membership. Brandon was particularly successful in this area, and in informing students of our Residence.

**Upcoming:** The SJCSA held their elections on March 15, 2016. I will be working with the new council members to plan JumpStart.

b) **Report from Senior Stick**

c) **Reports from College Committees**

7. **Adjournment**
MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
B. Ferguson / B. Hallman
CARRIED

The official copy of the minutes is signed by the Chair and Secretary and kept in the Registrar’s Office