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 Sublime 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"
Wednesday, March 25 – The Rev'd Dr. Jane Barter Moulaision, "The Doctrine of Humanity in Christian Thought"
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 Carion 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 Elnora Wiebe for their efforts. In particular, Diana DeFoote 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.Caillyn 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 scheduled 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

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