ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
MINUTES

Special Quorum Required

For the meeting of May 13, 2014 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John’s College

Present: R. Coutts, J. Bouchard, D. Nemez, S. Leong, C. Navarro, J. Blanchard, C. Trott (Acting Chair), I. Froese, K. Walters, E. Millions, J. Markstrom, A. Scott, S. Peters (Secretary)

Regrets: B. Beare, B. Peeler

1. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the amended agenda be approved as distributed.
I. Froese/J. Bouchard
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on March 18, 2014.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on March 18, 2014 be approved as distributed.
I. Froese/E. Millions
CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting
None

4. New Business
   a) Fellowship nominations - The Dean of Studies presented the motions for Fellowship nominations on behalf of the Membership committee.
      Lisa Alexandrin - Senior Fellow
      Bryan Peeler - Visiting Fellow
      Erin Millions - Visiting Fellow - 1 year term
      Jade Weimer - Junior Fellow - 1 year term
      3rd and final year for: Robert Coutts, Susie Fischer Stoesz, Amy Scott, Krista Walters, 1 year Research Fellow
      Laurie Wilkinson - visiting 1 year
      Murray Evans - visiting 6 months
      Joseph Wiebe - research 6 months
      Stephanie Pine - research 1 year
      CARRIED

   b) Motions from the Scholarship Committee - The Dean of Studies presented the motions from the Scholarship Committee:
      MOTION: That the Marjorie Dance Scholarship: Approval to remove point 4 under the criteria; it proved to be difficult for one to fit this criterion; by doing so is still keeping with the donors wishes.
      CARRIED
MOTION: That the Class of 63 Scholarship: terms to be approved and sent to Assembly for approval (this will be advertised this year with both remaining deadlines if necessary so that it may be awarded this year).
CARRIED

MOTION: That the Willard J Condo & Walter Barfoot Memorial Bursary: terms to be approved.
CARRIED

MOTION: That the following statement to the criteria for residence awards: “IEP students are ineligible to apply”.
CARRIED

c) Honorary Fellowships - The Dean of Studies asked that if anyone would like to nominate someone for an Honorary Fellowship to please forward their names to The Warden, by e-mail.

d) Membership on committees of Assembly - The Dean of Studies presented the list of committees of Assembly for the 2014 - 2015 Academic year for approval by Assembly.
CARRIED

e) Draft meeting dates for upcoming year - The Registrar presented the meeting dates for the upcoming Academic Year.
I. Froese/J. James
CARRIED

f) Membership Stats - Presented by the Registrar for information for Assembly.

6. Other Business

a) The Bursar spoke to the potential of the 5% budget cut to our University budget and it's impact on the College. We will be receiving a 1% cut rather than the full 5%. Because of the delay in hearing about the cut, the presentation of the budget for approval has been delayed.

7. Reports

a) Reports from College Officers

Warden
Dean of Studies

Dean’s Report to Assembly/Council

May, 2014

Our Soup and Bread Lecture series was a great success this year and we thank Erin Millions for organizing these events and Ian Park for the delicious breads, vegetarian soups and salads.

Speakers this term included:


Feb 25 - Anthony Waterman. “St. John’s College in 1913-1914: Our Last Normal Year?”

March 12 - Agnes Pawlowska. “Intangible Cultural Heritage in Manitoba.”

April 2 - Lisa Alexandrin. “Medieval Islamic Remedies for Insomnia and Nightmares.”

Amy Scott was our coordinator for the Brown Bag Lunch series this winter and we thank Amy for her enthusiasm and organizational skills. Invited speakers this term were:

Wednesday January 22, 2014. Monica Woods and Ricardo Soriano from the University of Manitoba Research Quality Assurance spoke on “Revisiting Quality Research.”

Tuesday February 11, 2014. Shelley Sweeney from the University of Manitoba Archives and the Truth and Reconciliation Centre, “How the Archives of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools will Transform the University of Manitoba.”

Wednesday March 19, 2014. Rick Jansen from the University of Manitoba Security Services and the CPTED Program spoke on “Security Services and Safety Initiatives at the University of Manitoba.”

The College hosted the second annual St. John’s College Art Competition. The campus-wide competition was coordinated by Ian Park and the Art Committee, with juried prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Winners were announced on February 13, 2014 at a reception in the Daily Bread Café and submissions were showcased at the Café for the entire month of February. Thank you to Ian Park for the refreshments and to Art Committee members Nicole Goulet, Susie Fisher, and Lisa Alexandrin.

Congratulations to the three winners:

First place ($300.00): Tracy Fehr
Second place ($200.00): Jeremiah Valle
Third place ($100.00): Jesse Bergmann

On February 20th a new event, Live, Lunch and Learn, was held at the College. Alumni were invited to attend the College for a soup and sandwich lunch and to hear a guest speaker

Our 30th Annual Marjorie Ward Lecture was a complete success. The award-winning travel and nature writer, Jake MacDonald, gave a lively and engaging lecture on “The University of the Open Road,” on Thursday, March 6th to an audience of approximately fifty-five people. College Fellows and invited guests joined Jake before the lecture for a gourmet dinner in the Senior Common Room and audience members were invited to a post-lecture reception in the Galleria. 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, Jackie Markstrom, Jill Stafford 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.

March 20, 2014. Bach’s Birthday. This event was held in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist and featured local musicians who performed compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach. The concert was followed by a reception.

April 9th. End of term barbeque.

April 9th. End of term reception. Our last formal reception for the academic year.

Other events:
Two Senior Fellows at St. John’s College have received prestigious awards.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Barry Ferguson, Professor (History), Senior Fellow at St. John’s College and coordinator for the Canadian Studies Programme in the Faculty of Arts, who has been named the Duff Roblin Professor of Government. Dr. Ferguson has a distinguished publishing record that includes works in the areas of political ideas, provincial-federal relations and modern Canadian social change.

Dr. Diana Brydon, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, Professor (English, Film and Theatre) and Senior Fellow at St. John’s College has been presented with the University’s highest honour of Distinguished Professor. The designation is given to those with extraordinary, internationally-recognized scholarly achievements, and only twenty academic staff members can hold this elite title at any one time.

Congratulations to both Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Brydon on your outstanding accomplishments.

Departures from St. John’s College
Five current members of SJC will be leaving the College this summer: Visiting Fellow, Paul Dyck; Senior Fellow, Jeff Masuda; Junior Fellow, Nicole Goulet and Research Fellows, Agnes Pawlowska and Laura Reimer. We have all enjoyed having Paul, Jeff, Nicole, Agnes and Laura at St. John’s and wish them all the best with their exciting new opportunities.

New Fellows will be joining us over the next few months and will be introduced officially at the Opening of Term Reception in September.

Chaplain

Chaplain's Report to Assembly, May 2014

The last couple of months have been full ones. Many students hit an intense period of stress and personal crisis in the weeks leading up to exams, so I spent my time supporting them and getting them resources. Next semester I will plan more structured group meditation sessions for the end of semester and have more resources available for students who are struggling. Justin and I are going to work on our triage system over the summer and figure out how to best serve students who have difficulty getting into the permanently back-logged counselling centre. A late night study party in residence during the first week of exams went well.

A group of new international students has moved into residence and we enjoyed making Canadian pancakes together. Our chapel service on Palm Sunday with the Friends of the College Choir, “Journey into Holy Week,” went very well. Pints & Compline has finished for the summer and will start again in September. Negotiations for an outdoor labyrinth at SJC are ongoing; we still need permission from physical plant and Jackie is graciously pursuing funding.

Over the summer, I’m spending time with international students, planning a leadership retreat for the SJCSA and a spiritual retreat in conjunction with St Paul’s, planning residence programming and support for the fall (including alcohol and safe sex initiatives), putting together a new midweek dinner liturgy, and hopefully working on the labyrinth. I will also take training in suicide prevention. Plans are also beginning discussed for the implementation of a new Bible and Breakfast group in conjunction with the diocese beginning in the fall.

Bursar
Dean of Residence
- Wireless will be finished by the end of the week (optimistically)
- Room renovations are going well

Development Officer

Development Officer Report to Assembly
May, 2014

Fundraising
- In April we mailed out a Chaplaincy Fund ask to the Anglican community. We anticipated a 5% response rate and total donations of $1600. To date we have 6.6% response rate and $1,875. We likely will receive a few more.
- Looking at potential sponsorship and foundation opportunities.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Trip to Vancouver at the beginning of April was successful in reconnecting with alumni. We had 10 people attend the get together and we visited with two other individuals.

**Special Events**
- The next lunch is scheduled for 10th June, 2014 and will feature Amy Scott.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Bernie and I are working on the format.

**Marketing/Communications**
- The latest issue of In Lumine is being mailed out.
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

**Staffing**
- We held a volunteer appreciation lunch for four of our five volunteers this past April.

**Misc**
- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2014/21015.
- Will be doing a full programme evaluation in June

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
6th May, 2014

**Librarian**

**Registrar**
No report

**b) Report from Senior Stick**

Senior Stick's Report  
Assembly Meeting, May 13 2014  
Grad  
-It was a huge success. We had 16 grads. Food was delicious, people liked the grad gifts, the photobooth was really fun. Everyone had a great time!

Summer plans  
Renovating the student lounge  
- Over the weekend we did a major cleanup and removed a lot of junk  
- Next: more cleaning, painting, and getting some new furniture (Mainly desks)

Jumpstart  
- We will be combining Jumpstart with the regular university orientation days
- Uni orientation only one day for each student, so we will put all new members together and have Jumpstart on the second day separately

Student Council Retreat
- Planning a retreat at the beginning of September at Camp Arnes for the student council with Allison
- Get council off to a good start by getting to know each other better and defining goals for the year

c) Reports from College Committees
Finance & Admin met and our earnings are up 13.7%.

8. Adjournment
A. Chubb/I. Froese
CARRIED

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

[Signatures]
Chair
Secretary
Date: Sept. 2014