ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes
For the meeting of May 17, 2016 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John’s College

Present: C. Morrison, I. Froese, B. Erickson, J. Dueck, L. Kuffert, L. Alexandrin, J. Weimer, G. Bak, B. Peeler, R. Thomas, A. Perry, M. Minor, R. Coutts, B. Cantelo, E. Jones (Chair), D. McCance, S. Peters (Secretary)


1. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
L. Kuffert / L. Alexandrin
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on March 22, 2016.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on March 22, 2016 be approved as distributed.
Brenda / I. Froese
CARRIED

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting
MOTION from Assembly Executive: That Director of U of M Press will be a voting member of Assembly
CARRIED

4. New Business
a) Fellowship Nominations (see motions from Brenda).
   a. To Senior Fellow
      Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Christina Penner be elected as a senior Fellow
      CARRIED

   b. To Visiting Fellow
      Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Robert Coutts be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term and Susie Fisher be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a term from July 1 – December 31, 2016
      CARRIED

   c. Junior Fellows
      Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Jade Weimer, Bryan Peeler and Michael Minor be elected as Junior Fellows for a one year term contingent on a teaching appointment
      CARRIED
Research Fellows
Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Ryan Duplassie be elected as a Research Fellow for a one year term
CARRIED

d. New Fellows
Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Kent Fowler be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term.
CARRIED

Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Annette Desmarais be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term.
CARRIED

Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Niigaan Sinclair be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term.
CARRIED

Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Jason Edgerton be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term.
CARRIED

Motion: to recommend to Assembly that Leslie James be elected as a Visiting Fellow for a one year term.
CARRIED

b) Honorary Degrees
MOTION: That Assembly move into closed session.
J. Dueck / A. Perry
CARRIED

MOTION: That Assembly move out of closed session.
I. Froese / J. Dueck
CARRIED

In closed session, it was voted to present Faye Thomson with an Honorary Fellow and Cindy Blackstock with the Honorary Doctor of Canon Law (honoris cause) at the November 2016 Convocation.

c) John and Jilleen Stafford Bursary. MOTION from Scholarship Committee: That Assembly approve the terms of reference.
CARRIED

d) Terry and Les Wiens Bursary. MOTION from Scholarship Committee: That Assembly approve the terms of reference
CARRIED

e) Draft Meeting Dates for the upcoming year. Discussion was held as to whether the May Assembly could be held in April. It was asked that Assembly Executive to discuss this in fall to make the plans/changes for that year.
f) Membership stats. The Registrar spoke to this.

5. Other Business
None

6. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John’s College
Warden’s Report
Assembly, May 17, 2016
Council, May 25, 2016

I am now on Administrative Leave until August 12 of this year. This is a result of my reappointment to a further five-year term by College Council, confirmed by the University of Manitoba Board of Governors on April 12. Thank you to all involved in the review and reappointment process.

Since our last meetings, I have been involved in the following activities:

1) I hosted Bishop Mark MacDonald for the annual Wilmot Lectures in Theology on March 21 and 22. We had a good turnout on March 21 of about 40 people. There were fewer at Migizii Agamik on March 22, but we were able to engage some of the community there.
2) I attended the Bach’s Birthday recital on March 24.
3) I represented the College at Bill Regher’s funeral on March 28.
4) I prepared and served dinner at Ronald MacDonald House with Amy Craddock and 2 students. This is lieu of printed Christmas cards from the College.
5) I attended the spring Residence Banquet on April 2.
6) I represented the College at the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration on April 10.
7) I attended our social to raise money for Syrian Refugees on April 15.

I am presently taking a course on Mozart as well as one on Manitoba owls and a further one on fly-fishing. This should broaden my horizon while I continue to work on my manuscript of religious change in North Baffin Island.

Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies: Report to Council, May 25, 2016
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 2016
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 staff) and of course, thanks to all of our speakers and audience members.

Soup and Bread lectures this term included:
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 Pyne, “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!

Dr. Esyllt Jones, Senior Fellow, on being awarded the St. John’s College Student Associations “Fellow of the Year.” Congratulations on this award and it is certainly well deserved.

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.

Jade Weimer, Junior Fellow will be graduating from the University of Toronto with a PhD in Religion in June. Congratulations Dr. Weimer!

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 continues to teach in the Department of Religion at the University of Manitoba.

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

**Wednesday, March 16th. St. John's College: Student Art Competition.** We celebrated our fourth annual St. John’s College Student Art Competition and announced the winners at a reception in the Daily Bread Cafè. The committee, consisting of Jade Weimer, Lisa Alexandrin, Christina Penner and Michael Minor did a wonderful job organizing the event. This year our three external judges were: Noam Gonick, Seema Goel and Teghan Beaudette and they selected the winning entries. Congratulations to our three winners:

1. Luther Konadu (untitled) Prize: $300
2. Favour Jeremiah (tied for "Reflections" and "Ease Off My Burden"). Prize $200
3. Alexis Ironside ("From Scotland With Love"). Prize $100

Food Services played a key role in making this event a success and kudos to Ian Park and his staff for providing us with the space, refreshments during the installation, and the reception. The College appreciates your participation in making the event a success. Thanks also to Diana DeFoort for assisting with the posters and advertising and to everyone who came out to support the exhibition.

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

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 from 2:30- 3:15 p.m. St John’s College - Bach’s Birthday Recital.** St. John’s College hosted a special concert in Tribute to Lawrence Ritchey, former Fellow of St John’s College and in honour of our Retired Fellows and Staff in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist on March 24th. We especially honoured two Senior Fellows who retired this year: David Arnason and James Dean. Performances included Michael Culter, Organist and Music Director at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church and Andre Washington, Cellist and student of Desautels Faculty of Music. A private reception was held in the Senior Common Room following the recital. The event was a big success and thank you to everyone for planning, advertising and attending the recital.

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

**Thursday, April 7th End of Term BBQ.**

**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, May 2016

My time is primarily spent right now in two areas: developing an ecumenical chaplaincy board to prepare for the next chaplain, and planning a social justice day camp.

* Our fundraising for a Syrian student with WUSC to live in our residence is coming to a close. We have raised nearly $23,000 of our $24,000 goal and will continue to take donations until we reach it. The student, Montaser, has now moved in. His family is split between Jordan and Germany and lost everything, including the family business, when they had to flee Syria. He is a very bright young man who had already begun university. We’d like to have a second student stay in the residence as well, but the funding will need to come from elsewhere, as we have been unable to raise enough for a second student
* the social we threw for fundraising sold lots of tickets and brought in lots of prizes but did not have enough people actually attending (to buy drinks and raffle tickets) to raise a significant amount of money
* Our Easter “journey into holy week” service in the chapel went well and was attended by about 45.
* My last service with All the Kings’ Men will be June 5
* I put out the labyrinth during the first week of exams to create a quiet, meditation space for students, who did use it
* We had our last Bible & Breakfast for the semester in March and will plan to hold three a semester again next year
* the prayer rug in the chapel is being used regularly by our Muslim students and staff
* several weddings are coming up in the chapel; we will work with the summer dons to organize these

* the Presbyterian and United Churches are joining the Anglican Church to create an **ecumenical protestant chaplaincy** at St. John’s, drawing from a larger pool of support, both financially and in student and congregational resources. Hopefully, this will be a 3/4 time position, at least in the new year. There is an increasing realization that chaplaincy’s main areas of focus should be care for all students in crisis, international students, leadership development, and social justice. This fills the mandate of St. John’s and a unique need not addressed elsewhere on campus. Interviews for this position will be held when Chris returns from leave.

* The **social justice day camp** has received a grant from the Diocese of Rupert’s Land and is moving ahead with hiring two or three students part time to assist with programming. The camp will run July 18-22, 9am-4pm, for students entering grades 8 and 9. This will be an opportunity for the College to engage its priority of social justice, as stated in the strategic plan, and give young students a positive memory of the College for when they return for university. A number of specialists, elders, etc, will assist in providing teaching and programming. The goal is to recruit 15-20 students by sending word out to local schools, churches, and community centres. Posters and fliers are available.
Bursar

Bursars’ report to Assembly May 18th, 2016

Financial
Audit preparations are nearly complete, and the audit will take place on June 13th. Preliminary results for March 31st show that we will have relatively small deficit compared to what we faced when the fall term began. By keeping costs low and doing our best to maximize revenue streams such as catering and café sales, we were able to minimize the effect of the disappointing summer.

Summer conferences
We currently have around 25 students staying in the residence for May and June, and then will see a significant influx of groups for July and August. MITT, IEP, Healthquest Career Camp, and a Mathematics Camp will all be arriving at various times to boost our occupancy levels.

College Branding & Logo
We have hired Frank Reimer who teaches design at Red River College to renew our logo and marketing materials in advance of the 150th Anniversary, Capital Campaign, and beyond. It has been a good number of years since any changes were made, and this is an appropriate time for the College to experience a refresh. We will be careful to maintain aspects of the current logo, recognizing that we are a historic and long standing institution. The basis for the design will be to model it after the recent work that has been done to re-write the strategic plan and vision for St John’s. The message and visual cues exhibited by the logo will attempt to reflect those values, and provide a cohesive, consistent and recognizable brand for the College and what it represents.

Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report
Residence Projects
Carl came in to do all the touch-up painting at the end of April/beginning of May. Physical Plant is currently working on the hot water heater, so we’re running on two back up heaters until approximately May 20. Ivan and Ian are consulting with contractors regarding renovations to Apartment 99 (the last spot in the residence that still has carpet) and the Housekeeping Office. Once the renovations are completed, Ian Park will be moving into the Housekeeping Office, and Housekeeping will be sharing the Don’s Office.

Summer Semester
We have approximately 28 residents for the months of May and June (5-6 IEPs and 22-24 regular students). Activity picks up in July and August, when we have a number of different groups (IEP, MITT, Math Camp, Health Quest Career Camp) coming in. There are also five non-residents paying for meal plans.

Residence Activity
Move out day on April 26th was very successful, with all residents moved out by noon. Right now the residence is very quiet, as there are very few students at the moment.
Development Officer

Development Officer Report to Assembly
May, 2016

Fundraising
• Received a $5,000 sponsorship for the Health Quest Career Camp.
• Received a $3,500 grant from the Diocese of RupertsLand for the Social Justice Camp.
• Two grant requests have been sent to raise money for the new chairs in the Daily Bread.
• Increased annual giving by 20% from 2015 to 2016 fiscal year.
• Total funds raised in 2015/16 was $179,461
• Two new Bursaries and one new Scholarship were established this past year.

Alumni/Stewardship
• Continuing to visit with Johnians.
• Trust reports to individuals who have scholarship funds here at the college will be mailed out in May

Special Events
• The Lunch and Lively Conversation held in April was a great success. The next one will be held in September.
• 150th Anniversary Celebrations start officially in November.

Marketing/Communications
• The latest issue of In Lumine has been mailed out
• Annual Report To Donors is almost ready to be mailed
• Exploring the possibility of Free Press insert for the 150th anniversary.

Staffing
• We have received a grant for a summer student from Canada Summer jobs. The grant covers a period of 9 weeks.

Misc
• Jill and I are attending the CAGP conference to be held here at the College on the 1st June
• Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2016/2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
10th May, 2016

Registrar

Recruitment

HeadStart (June 4, 2016) formerly called the Parent's Program, where in-coming first-years and their parents come to campus for orientation to the campus and services offered. We will have
an information table in the Info Village in the University Centre, as well as one in the Galleria as a lot of orientation events are held in the Schultz Lecture Theatre.

**JumpStart** (September 6 & 7) will run concurrently with the University Orientation. The University of Manitoba Orientation days are divided up so that the students only attend one of the two days, divided by program. We have arranged that as many of the incoming St John’s College members as possible be scheduled to attend Orientation on September 6th so that following their orientation, they can attend JumpStart.

We will again have an information table for Orientation in the Info Village and in the Galleria

b) Report from Senior Stick

c) Reports from College Committees
Finance Committee: Met with the investment manager. Things are stable and producing enough gains for us to consistently award scholarships at our 4% rate.

7. Adjournment
MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned
G. Bak / C. Morrison
CARRIED