ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes

For the meeting of September 16, 2014 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John’s College


Regret: B. Peeler, D. McCance, G. Bak, J. James, S. Alward, D. Phillips, A. Perry, S. Kouritzen, B. Erickson, B. Beare

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 13, 2014.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on May 13, 2014 be approved as distributed with the addition of the Bursar’s report.
B. Cantelo/R. Coutts
CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting
None

4. New Business
   a) Fellowship nominations
   MOTION from the Membership Committee: that Bruce Erickson (September 1 – July 1), Murray Evans (January 1 – June 30), and Lori Wilkinson be approved as Visiting Fellows.
   CARRIED

   MOTION from the Membership Committee: That Krista Barclay, Stephanie Pyne, and Joseph Wiebe (July 1 – December 31) be approved as Research Fellows.
   CARRIED

   b) Honorary Degree Nominations
MOTION: That Assembly Move into closed session.
C. Trott/B. Cantelo
CARRIED

MOTION: That Assembly Move out of closed session.
C. Trott/I. Froese
CARRIED

In closed session it was agreed to award Rev. Douglas Fenton the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa), Justice Thomas Berger the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa) and Peter Irniq as an alternate for the Honorary Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa) in the event Justice Thomas Berger is not able to accept, at the annual Convocation ceremony on November 2, 2014.

c) Membership on Committees of Assembly
MOTION: That the revised list of Standing Committees of Assembly be approved.
B. Hallman/D. Brydon
CARRIED

d) Motions from the Scholarship Committee
MOTION: That the terms of the Dr. June Marion James Bursary be approved.
CARRIED
MOTION: That the terms of the Peter Aitchison Memorial Bursary be approved.
CARRIED
MOTION: That the terms of the Terry McDowas Bursary be approved.
CARRIED
MOTION: That the minimum GPA for Bursaries be changed to a minimum 2.0.
CARRIED

e) Budget – The Bursar presented the Budget for approval.
MOTION: That the Budget be approved as presented.
I. Froese/B. Hallman
CARRIED

5. Other Business
The Warden spoke with the Chair of the Commission on Theological Education. They would like to speak with the Fellows and request their opinions on the College and the Theology program. The Fellows will be invited to a wine and cheese to discuss Theology.
6. Reports
   a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

Warden’s Report to Assembly
   Or
How I Spent My Summer Holidays

September 16, 2014

I hope all of you had a refreshing summer, found some time to do research and writing, but also found time to spend with your families. Much of the summer at the College is spend thinking about and planning our activities for the coming year. The maintenance within the College is less obvious than last year – new av equipment in classrooms, repainting the student lounge, repainting the residence lounges. With the University we are engaged in an analysis of residence needs on campus. We will also continue offering theology courses in collaboration with St Margaret’s Church and Wycliffe College as well as the Engage Difference course with the Canadian Churches Forum and the Centre for Christian Studies. We will be restarting the Bible and Breakfast program; in the Fall term in collaboration with St Peter’s Church. We look forward to receiving the report of the Commission on Theological Education this fall.

1) Served on the President’s Advisory Council for the appointment of a University Librarian.
2) Worked with the Knight Lectureship Committee organizing the upcoming Knight Lectures with Justice Murray Sinclair
3) Attended the following funerals on behalf of the College: the Rev. Phyllis Keeper. Dr. Renate Eigenbrod, the Right Rev. Thomas Collings
4) Attended the Heads of Anglican Colleges meetings at Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges in Toronto
5) Represented the College at 4 of the Spring Convocations
6) Represented the College at the St John’s Ravenscourt Graduation
7) Gave the first Lunch and Lively Conversations address for the Development Office on June 10
8) Joined the Development Office on a alumni trip to Brandon
9) Attended the Truth and Reconciliation Commission event on the meaning of reconciliation
10) Conducted 10 days of research in Igloolik and visited Pangnirtung
11) Met with Liv Valmestead about her using our art collection on her Public Art at the University of Manitoba website.
12) Participated in the 2 day strategic planning event for Indigenous Achievement and for my efforts now sit on the “Acknowledgment Committee” and the “Allies Committee”
13) Continue to represent the College as a Partner on the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

Dean of Studies

Dean’s Report to Assembly, September 16, 2014

This fall we welcome three new Visiting Fellows and three new Research Fellows to St. John’s.

Visiting Fellows:

Bruce Erickson.
Bruce Erickson holds a PhD from York University (2009) and is a newly appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Environment and Geography. Before joining our institution, Dr. Erickson was an Assistant Professor in Geography at York University for three years, and held a Postdoctoral Fellowship in History at Nipissing University from 2008-2010. His research is in the area of cultural geographies of nature and his publications include *Canoe Nation: Nature, Race and the Making of a Canadian Icon* from the University of British Columbia Press (2013), and another work, co-edited with Catrina Mortimer-Sandilands, *Queer Ecologies: Sex, Nature, Politics, Desire* from the University of Indiana Press (2010). In addition, Bruce has written ten refereed articles and chapters, which include titles such as “Grey Owl and the Whiteness of Surrogacy,” “Explorations of Whiteness and Identity in Rock Climbing,” and “Colonial Climbs of Mt. Trudeau.” He also has a long list of conference papers and invited presentations on various aspects of cultural geography, gender, race and nature to his credit.

Murray Evans (Visiting Fellow, January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015)
Murray Evans is a Professor in the Department of English at the University of Winnipeg. While on Research/Study Leave during the winter term 2015, he will be working on a project which builds on his recently published book, *Sublime Coleridge: The Opus Maximum* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), for which he was awarded the inaugural UW Arts Research Award. This project expands the scope of *Sublime Coleridge* by focusing on the later Coleridge and on sublime theory of the last fifty years. Most recent theory of the sublime—in the work of Theodor Adorno, Julia Kristeva, and Fredric Jameson, for example—focuses on the significance of Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), famous and important precursor on the sublime. Given Coleridge’s importance for English literary studies, his sublime theory, a radical revision of Kant, deserves more attention.

Lori Wilkinson
Lori Wilkinson is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and was an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts from 2011 to 2014. Dr. Wilkinson is the current Editor of *The Journal of International Migration and Integration* and the former Acting Editor of the *Journal of Canadian Ethnic Studies*. In addition, she is the Director of Immigration Research West, a consortium of 15 universities, over two dozen (and counting)
professors, four umbrella community service providers (representing over 400 community organizations in Canada) and all three levels of government. The purpose of Immigration Research West is to study the settlement experiences of immigrants in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, to collect and disseminate research on successful integration and to assist community organizations in the development of programs helping newcomers find work, healthcare, language instruction and settlement.

**Research Fellows**

**Krista Barclay**
Krista Barclay is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of History at the University of Manitoba, working under the supervision of Dr. Adele Perry. Ms. Barclay has a solid background in History with both a B.A. (Hons) and an M.A. Degree in History from Wilfrid Laurier University. Her publications include “Slaves in a Savage Land? The Curious Case of Orcadians in the Hudson’s Bay Company,” which is forthcoming from the *New Orkney Antiquarian Journal* and a second article on “Slaves in a Savage Land? Orcadians in the Hudson’s Bay Company, 1727 – 1870” published in 2011. Krista has been involved in coordinating Museum Exhibitions on “Tradition and Innovation: The Importance of Agriculture to Markham 1820 – 1920,” and “A Walk Down Main Street Markham in 1910,” which involved an interactive touch screen kiosk for the 700 square foot gallery exhibition. In addition, Ms. Barclay has presented at numerous conferences and has a long list of awards to her credit, including Manitoba Graduate Scholarships and the SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship.

**Stephanie Pyne**
Stephanie Pyne holds a PhD in Geography (2013) from Carleton University and has been awarded a SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship to work under the supervision of Senior Fellow, Greg Bak, from the History Department. Dr. Pyne’s project will expand the Residential Schools Map in the *Lake Huron Treaty Atlas* (an aspect of her doctoral thesis research) into an Atlas of its own, with a variety of interactive maps that are responsive to and reflective of the many dimensions of the ongoing Residential Schools reconciliation processes. This postdoctoral research project intersects well with Greg Bak’s work on Indigenous and critical approaches to archives and database creation and management. It will greatly enhance the project’s capabilities in terms of implementing a pilot geospatial database of residential schools records.

**Joseph Wiebe (Research Fellow, July 1 – December 31, 2014)**
Joseph Wiebe holds a PhD in Religion (2013) from McMaster University and has been now awarded the D.F. Plett Postdoctoral Fellowship to develop a comparative research project on Mennonite and Metis land cultures in 1870-1925. This research compares two land cultures, analyzing the ways Mennonites and Metis relationships to the land shaped their religious identities within decidedly different legal contexts. It compares
and contextualizes Metis-Mennonite relations, investigating how they are interlinked with land issues – land claims, Immigration, settlement and displacement. The project assesses three interrelated topics: (i) the context of settlement and displacement; (ii) the question of land culture; and (iii) the process of confederacy.

Retired Fellows
As most of you know, 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.

We have been re-organizing some of our space for Retired Fellows over the summer and are in the process of creating a Retired Fellows’ Reading Room in room 315. This space will have comfortable chairs for reading, conversation and small meetings, and a coat rack for Fellows who come on an occasional basis to place their belongings. The room across the hall, 314, will remain a shared work space for some of our Retired Fellows.

Upcoming Events for Fall 2014

September 2 – 3: Jumpstart with St. John’s College Students.

Tuesday, September 9th: Barbeque. Once again, this popular event was jointly hosted with St. Paul’s College.

Wednesday, September 10th Opening of Term Reception. This was our first official reception of the fall term where we had the opportunity to re-connect with friends and the College and meet our new Fellows. We thank Ian Park and his food services staff for the excellent food and wine.

Sunday, September 14th The Great Debate. St. John’s College vs. St. Paul’s College at the Cross Common Room. This year the topic was “Be it resolved that the traditional university has become outdated and must be replaced by online learning,” with St. John’s College taking the affirmative position and St. Paul’s the negative. Picnic lunch was held at 12:00 noon and the debate followed.

Tuesday, September 16th Lunch and Lively Conversation. Quiet Room from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Francis Carrol speaking on “The Sinking of the Athenia: The passenger liner disaster that brought the war to Canada Sept. 3. 1939.” Please register by Friday, September 12th with our Development Coordinator, Jill Stafford, at Jill.Stafford@umanitoba.ca.

Tuesday, September 16th Special Quorum required for Assembly. 2:30 p.m. All Fellows should attend.
Saturday, September 20th Bible and Breakfast. 9:00 a.m. Cross Common Room.

Sunday, September 21st Matriculation at 3:00 p.m. 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.

Friday, September 26th Canadian Studies Programme Roundtable on “Canadians and Their Pasts.” Speakers include Gerald Friesen (University of Manitoba), Margaret Conrad (University of New Brunswick), and Peter Seixas (University of British Columbia) and the event will take place in room 101 St. John’s College (Cross Common Room) from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. Theology Reading group reads Peter Brown, “Through the Eye of a Needle,” at Anthony Waterman’s house.

Wednesday, October 1 to Saturday, October 4th Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature presents an international, interdisciplinary conference, “A Matter of Lifedeath.” Many of the conference sessions and events will be held at St. John’s College. See the Mosaic website for details.

Tuesday, October 21st Assembly meets at 10:00 a.m. All Fellows should attend.

Wednesday, October 29th Celebrating Excellence at St. John’s College. Based on the success of last year’s event we will be hosting another reception from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. 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 2nd Luncheon at noon. Convocation at 3:00 p.m. This is a formal event of the College where we confer honorary degrees, present student scholarships and bursaries and celebrate the achievements of all College members.

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

Saturday, December 6th Xmas Party for children and grandchildren of St. John’s Fellows, with gifts, food and a special visit from St. Nicholas.

Sunday, December 14th College Advent Lessons and Carols Service at 3:00 p.m.
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, Krista Walters (fall term) and Heather Graham (winter term) will be coordinating the lectures. Free soup, bread and salad!

In addition to the free lunches, we will also be hosting Brown Bag Lunches throughout the term, where guest speakers share their insights with Fellows in an informal lunch. Amy Scott will be organizing the fall term events and Jade Weimer will be handling the winter term. Free desserts, so drop by.

Every year, the Winnipeg Public Library’s “On the Same Page” program asks Manitobans to choose one book that everyone in the province should read. This year, one of the four books on the shortlist is “Imagineing Winnipeg: History Through the Photographs of L.B. Foote” written by Senior Fellow Esyllt Jones and published the University of Manitoba Press. The winning book will be the focus of several months of readings and events, and the Foundation buys 1000 copies to give to reading groups throughout the province.

Finally, we congratulate Research Fellow, Amy Scott, who has just been named one of three finalists from across Canada for the SSHRC Impact (Talent) award. This is a rare honour and Amy has been invited to a reception in Ottawa in early November, when the winner will be announced.

Chaplain

Chaplain’s September report to council, 2014
Over the summer, I’ve been focusing most of my efforts on planning for the year:
- Suicide intervention training for myself
- Planning and executing a leadership retreat with the SJCSA
- Reorganizing weekly chapel services- there will now be midday prayer every Wednesday, a meditation group and evening prayer on Tuesdays, Eucharist once a month, Pints & Compline once a month
- Planning a joint November spiritual retreat with St. Paul’s
- Research for the commission on theological education with the diocese
- Programming for the residence in the areas of alcohol awareness, safe sex, and mental health
- Bringing in MA counselling interns to work with students in distress but not crisis (who would otherwise have a difficult time getting support through the university counselling centre)
- Bringing back a new version of Bible & breakfast, in which a local theologian will give a lecture and discussion over breakfast two times a semester
• Liaising with the new Muslim & Jewish chaplains to use my office

There is now a chapel brochure and schedule available which outline the events for the semester.

Bursar

Bursar’s report to Assembly

Building Projects
Over the summer, five of our classrooms received significant audio visual upgrades. Two of our smaller seminar classrooms were equipped with large, 80 inch high definition wall mounted screens. Laptops, or other video devices can be conveniently plugged into the wall and projected onto these screens. In three of our larger classrooms, motorized screens and high definition ceiling mounted projectors were installed, also with the same convenient inputs. These improvements will make a tangible difference to how content is delivered to students.

After a bit of a delay, the cloister roof is once again scheduled to be replaced. At this point we don’t have a definite schedule.

The university has contracted with a landscape architect to redesign the grounds surrounding the college. St John’s will be given significant input once the first draft of the designs are presented. Highlights will include the area between St Johns and St Pauls – the paths of interlocking stone are going to be extended in both directions to complete the flow of that space. A general theme that the university is focusing on is increasing green space (grass). This is easier to maintain, and is more manageable for the physical plant staff.

Full, official university wireless has been completed in the residence.

Summer conferences
We were once again very busy this summer in the residence. There was a lot of uncertainty in the original contract negotiations with IEP, but ultimately the numbers were positive.

Residence room revenue $135,320 (previous year $144,779)
Board revenue $193,125 (previous year $217,536)

As you can see, our numbers were marginally less than last year, but last year was exceptional. We are very pleased with this summer’s results and feel good about heading into the fall term.

Audit
Our audit concluded at the end of June, and we recently received draft statements which will be approved at the upcoming meeting of College Council. There are a few adjustments to be made, but overall the auditors were very pleased and there were no issues or significant changes that needed to be made.
Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report to Assembly
Residence Projects
The U of M completed the installation of their wireless network in the residence earlier this summer which the students are extremely happy about. We are assessing the common areas to figure out how to best utilize them and we are currently brainstorming ideas.

Summer Conferences
We had a slower summer then last year but still had a large number of students stay with us. IEP reduced their official numbers over the summer but we had more residents stay on with us for May and June. Overall we had slightly less students than last summer. We also hosted the Health Quest camp which gives aboriginal teenagers exposure to the medical faculties at the U of M and prepares them to attend the university when they graduate.

Regular Semester
We are currently at capacity with a small waitlist of ICM students. IEP have dropped their numbers from 40 students down to 23. With this large drop we still managed to fill up our residence but we did so right at the end of August. With the reduced numbers from IEP I feel we were more successful at attracting new regular students to our residence.

We are involved with Spirit Cup this year which is a year round competition between all of the residences to see who can bring out the most fans to the bison games. Each student has a “spirit cup” shirt that they all wear to the games to represent the building. We hosted events almost every day since move in day and the turnouts are exceeding our expectations.

Our new dons for this year are Rhianne Rodnisky (Sr), Noah Gilfix (jr), Darren Jin (jr), and Momo Watanabe (jr). Our co-presidents are Kadie Jorgenson as well as Micheal Nelson.

Development Officer

Development Officer Report to Assembly
September, 2014

Fundraising
• Gifts received since April as at today = $54,556
• Successfully raised the funds for the Health Quest Camp
• Received a bequest for $12,600 from a lady in England for a bursary. Family
came for a visit and decided to add to the fund.
• Fall appeal is on track to go out in late October

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

Special Events
• The Great Debate is scheduled for Sunday, 14th September. Hosted this year
by St John’s.
• Attending the Homecoming Dinner on the 20th September, 2014
• Lunch and Lively Conversation held on the 16th September.
• Convocation luncheon - 2nd November

Marketing/Communications
• Latest issue of In Lumine is being put together

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

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
9th September, 2014

Librarian
No report
Registrar

Registrar’s Report to Assembly
September 16, 2014

Recruitment: We participated in the University’s Head Start program on June 7, 2014, and Orientation September 2 & 3, 2013. Both were successful events, adding members to the College as well as connecting with first-year members.

JumpStart: This year, the SJCSA moved JumpStart to coincide with the University of Manitoba Orientation days. This resulted in higher enrollment, with 18 participants and 5 leaders, a significant increase over participation the last few years.

Upcoming:
September 21 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 2 is Convocation.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

b) Report from Senior Stick

c) Reports from College Committees

7. Adjournment
B. Ferguson/D. Brydon
CARRIED

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

Chair
Secretary
Date