ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes
For the meeting of September 20, 2016 @ 2:30 pm in Room 108 St John’s College


1. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
C. Morrison / J. Markstrom
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 17, 2016.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on May 17, 2016, be approved as distributed
B. Cantelo L. Kuffert
CARRIED

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting
a) Annette Desmarais has declined her election to the fellowship

4. New Business
   a) Fellowship Nomination - MOTION from the Membership Committee: That Marieke Dhont be elected as a Visiting Fellow for the term October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. CARRIED

   b) Elect Acting Dean of Studies - MOTION from Assembly Executive: That Lori Wilkinson be elected as Acting Dean of Studies from January 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017. A call was made for any other nominations? No other nominations were made. CARRIED

   c) Elect next Dean of Studies - MOTION: from Assembly Executive: That Esyllt Jones be elected as Dean of Studies for a three year term beginning July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017. A call was made for additional nominations. No other nominations were made. CARRIED

   d) Membership on committees of Assembly: MOTION: That the list of Assembly Standing Committees for the 2016 - 2017 Academic year be approved.
B. Cantelo / D. Carr
CARRIED

   e) Honorary Degree electronic vote - It was confirmed that the electronic vote over the summer to elect Peter Irniq for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Canon Law
(honoris causa). Confirmation vote. Motion from Honorary Degrees Committee: That Peter Irniq receive the Honorary Degree of 
CARRIED

f) Rebranding - 
MOTION: That we move into closed session. 
B. Cantelo / L. Kuffert 
CARRIED 
MOTION: That Assembly move out of closed session. 
B. Cantelo / C. Morrison 
CARRIED

In closed session the Bursar presented the rebranding strategy for the College, including the new logo and crest.

g) Chaplain search - The Warden reported that Allison Courey has resigned and moved on to a new position. MOTION: That the Chaplain search committee consist of the Warden, D. Watt, E. Kaka, C. Morrison, the Bishop D. Phillips. 
B. Cantelo / K. Fowler 
CARRIED

h) Mary and Patrick Lee Bursary: MOTION from the Scholarship Committee: That the change in the terms of reference for the Mary and Patrick Lee Bursary be approved. 
CARRIED

i) Strategic Plan: An update on the Strategic Plan was presented by the Warden. It should be ready for approval at the next Assembly meeting.

5. Other Business
None

6. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John’s College 
Warden’s Report to Assembly 
September 20, 2016

I was on administrative leave from April 18 until August 12. During this time I was able to complete the manuscript for my book “Stairway to Heaven: Religious Change in North Baffin Island” although it still needs some heavy editing. I also attended a six-week course on Mozart, and day courses on Manitoba owls and fly-fishing. We were on holiday to the West Coast between July 10 and August 9. Despite the leave I was involved in a number of activities on behalf of the College and the University:

1) Organized the “Becoming the Story We Tell” workshop for November 19 with the Centre for Christian Studies.
2) Volunteered at the West Broadway Community Ministry High Tea fundraiser.
3) Attended two thesis proposal defenses (April 25, June 3).
4) Examined two Master’s theses (June 21, June 27).
5) Met twice with our consultants working on finding funding for the residence (May 5, June 10).
6) Driver for participants in the “Engage Difference: Deepening Understanding of Intercultural Ministry” program sponsored by the College.
7) Attended Diocesan Council in Kenora – May 28
8) Attended funeral for Bill Pickering (June 14)
9) Met with consultant on rebranding (August 16, 24)
10) Attended Canada Summer Jobs Bar-B-Q with Terry Duguid (August 18)
11) Worked with Bishop on Theological Report Implementation Committee
12) Attended Native Studies Department Retreat (Sept 1, 2)
13) Met with Chaplaincy Advisory Group (Sept 12)

Dean of Studies

Report to Assembly, September 20, 2016. Dean of Studies.

This year is the 150th anniversary of St. John’s College and we are planning a number of events to mark the occasion. We are currently getting our fall programming underway and below are items which have been scheduled so far. Please consult the College website for details.

In terms of College membership, so far we have elected four new Visiting Fellows to the College. We are pleased to welcome:

New Fellows
Visiting Fellows

a) Dr. Jason Edgerton is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and his work examines aspects of social inequality including relationships between education and social inequality, gender issues and race/ethnicity. Several of his publications deal with how disparities in educational outcomes are related to disparities in quality of life. Dr. Edgerton is currently developing a joint research program with Lance Roberts focusing on youth studies, looking at issues of youth gambling, online gaming and alcohol use and the effects on the well-being of undergraduate university students. Jason is co-author of: Roberts, L.W., Edgerton, J.D., Peter, T., & Wilkinson, L. (2015). Understanding Social Statistics. Toronto: Oxford University Press, and has authored more than two dozen articles, book chapters, research reports and government reports.

b) We are pleased to have Dr. Kent Fowler, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, back at St. John’s College after a long absence. Kent currently directs two SSHRC and University of Manitoba funded research projects in Southern Africa. The first looks at the use of material culture as a method of generating social identity in the past, and the second examines the rise and collapse of the Zulu kingdom in the nineteenth century. Besides these on-going projects, Dr. Fowler collaborates on a SSHRC Partnership Grant at the site of Tel es-Safi, Israel, where he examines ceramic evidence for craft specialization during the development of this 5000 year-old city. Kent runs the Ceramic Technology Laboratory in Anthropology, has published three books and more than two dozen refereed journal articles/book chapters and book reviews. Glad to have you back at the College!
c) Dr. **Leslie James** is currently a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the University of Birmingham and will be based in Winnipeg while completing research and writing for her current Leverhulme Trust funded project, ‘Transatlantic Passages: empire, nationalism, and the African and Caribbean press, 1935-1960.’ Her research interests consider the political and intellectual history of the African diaspora under three major themes: race, print media and the flexibility of ideas and networks within black political thought and activism. Her first book, *George Padmore and Decolonisation from Below* (2015) uses the life and work of the seminal pan-Africanist George Padmore to look at such issues. Her current project analyses British West African and West Indian newspapers in a regional and global political context.

d) Dr. **Niigaan Sinclair** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Native Studies. Dr. Sinclair’s work falls into four different categories: *The Role of Narratives and Literatures in Communities, The Vitality and Importance of Indigenous Politics and History, The Cultural and Communal Revitalization of Communities* and *The Contributions of Indigenous Masculinities*. Niigaan has a long list of publications and grants and currently collaborates with Dr. John Loxley (Principal Investigator) on a **SSHRC Partnership Grant (7 years, $2.5 million)** “Partnering for Change -- Community Based Solutions for Aboriginal and Inner-city Poverty.”

**Returning Fellows**  
We are happy to have Visiting Fellows, **Susie Fisher** and **Erin Millons** back at the College and look forward to hearing more about their recent work.

**Departures from the College.**

**Amy Scott** has accepted a position a tenure track appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the University of New Brunswick.

**Paul Jenkins** is now employed at the Institute for the Humanities.

**Jonathan Peyton** has moved to new office space in the Clayton Riddell Faculty of the Environment.

**Bruce Erickson** has also moved to new space in the Riddell Faculty.

**Sandie Kouritzin** has an office in Education now.

**Retired Fellows**  
Our Retired Fellows’ offices are located on the third floor of the old wing, and the offices of David Arnason, Jim Dean, Anthony Waterman, Rod Clifton, Mary Kinnear, Kathryn Young, Dennis Cooley, David Punter, Robert Thomas, George Baldwin, Francis Carroll and Gerry Friesen can be found across from the library.

**Resignation** Our Chaplain, Allison Courey, has resigned from the College and has accepted a position in communications at Canadian Mennonite University. It will be hard to Allison’s shoes and while we search for another person Allison has agreed to help with Bible and Breakfast and some of the other fall events that have already been organized.

We thank Allison for her three years of hard work on behalf of the College and wish her every success at CMU.
Library Our friend and long-time employee of St. John’s College Library, Amrit Chhina, has accepted another position in the library system but will be back at the College library from time to time so we will still be able to stay in touch. Shaun Mulvey will be our new library assistant.

Upcoming Events for Fall 2016

Soup and Bread Lecture Series. 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, Jade Weimer will be coordinating the fall lectures and Erin Millions will coordinate the winter lectures. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free soup, bread and salad!

Wednesday, September 14th, Barbeque. Our annual free barbeque is jointly sponsored with St. Paul’s College. This year St Paul’s College hosted the event.

Wednesday, September 14th Opening of Term Reception. We had our opening of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Ian Park’s Food Services provided us with another lovely offering featuring an assortment of canapés and wine.

Saturday, Sept 17 Sept. 17th, 9:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast with Dr David Lappano. St John’s College in the Quiet Room, Cost: $12 and students free Contact Allison.Chubb@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7980

Tuesday, Sept 20th, 2:30 p.m. Assembly meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 12:00p.m. Organ and Flute Recital at St John’s College Chapel
Organ: Mike Cutler and Flute: Charmaine Bacon. Open to the public, donations accepted
Contact John Tanner at eviejohnt@shaw.ca or (204) 488-4076

Friday, Sept. 23rd, 12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. Lunch & Lively Conversation with Pat Bovey, “SJC: A Visionary Collection” at St John’s College, Quiet Room. Cost of the lunch by donation
Contact Jill.Stafford@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7980

Sunday, Sept. 25th, 3:00 p.m. Matriculation. St. John’s College Chapel. New members are welcomed to the college at our annual Matriculation ceremony where they receive a pin and sign a College membership registry which dates back until 1866. This year the Fellows will be paid their annual College salary of $1.00. Only those in attendance will be paid. Anyone who has not Matriculated is invited to come sign the 1866 registry book. Contact Sherry.Peters@umanitoba.ca

Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 7:00 p.m. SJC Chapel/ All The King’s Men. Contact Charles Horton@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-9547

Saturday, Oct. 15th, 9:00am - 11:30am Bible and Breakfast with Lorraine McKenzie–Shepherd. St John’s College in the Quiet Room Cost: $12 and students free Contact Allison.Chubb@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7980

Tuesday, October 18th 2:30 p.m. Assembly Meeting. All Fellows should attend.
Wednesday, Nov. 2\textsuperscript{nd} Celebrating Excellence at St. John’s College. 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. We will be hosting another reception 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 6\textsuperscript{th} : St. John’s College 150\textsuperscript{th} Convocation
11:00 a.m. Founders and Benefactors Service . St. John’s College Chapel

12:45-2:00 p.m. Friends of St. John’s College Luncheon. Celebrating our Grads and Award Winners. Contact Jill.Stafford@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7381

3:00 p.m. 150\textsuperscript{th} Convocation ceremony . St. John’s College Chapel. Reception to follow. This is a special, formal event of the College when we will confer an Honorary Doctor of Canon Law on Mr. Piita Irniq and make Ms. Faye Thomson and Honorary Fellow, present student scholarships and bursaries and celebrate the achievements of all College members. Convocation is the single most important institutional event of the year and it is important that as many Fellows as possible attend. Invitations will be sent to Fellows early in the term,

Sunday, November 6\textsuperscript{th}, 7:00p.m. All The Kings Men at St John’s College Chapel
Contact Charles.Horton@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-9547

Friday, November 11\textsuperscript{th} Remembrance Day Service “Honoring those who served.”

Saturday, Nov. 19th, 9:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. Bible and Breakfast with The Revd Dr David Widdicombe. St John’s College in the Quiet Room, Cost: $12 and students free
Contact Allison.Chubb@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7980

Sunday, Nov. 27th, 3:00p.m. Advent Service at St John’s College Chapel. Reception to follow service.

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 7:00p.m. SJC Chapel/ All The King’s Men Celebrating their 20\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary as a choir. Contact Charles.Horton@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-9547

Wednesday, December 7\textsuperscript{th}. End of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th. St John’s College Annual Xmas Party. Children and grandchildren of St. John’s Fellows are invited to the annual party which features games, crafts, gifts, food and a special visit from St. Nicholas.

It promises to be a busy fall with lots of engaging events.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies
Chaplain

No report

Bursar

Bursar’s report to Assembly September 20th, 2016

Financial
On Friday, the Finance & Admin Committee met and recommended to Council the approval of the 2015-2016 audited financial statements, and recommended the re-appointment of BDO as the auditors for 2016-17.

We are still working on our August Financial Statements, so final numbers for the summer are not available. However, based on our numbers I anticipate we will be close to our summer budget targets. We had a good first year working with Manitoba Institute for Technology & Trade, and are going to try to grow that relationship going forward. We also had strong numbers in August from IEP, a solid base of regular students throughout the summer, 38 students for a Math Camp, and of course the Health Quest Career Camp for students from northern communities which continues to be a good experience for the students.

Building items
The academic office’s hallway painting project has been completed, and door signs are in the process of being put back on. A new selection of art will also be hung, focusing on the College’s Aboriginal art collection.

A number of improvements were made in the residence over the summer, including a complete renovation of the last remaining apartment that needed to be updated. Now, all of the single rooms and apartments have been refreshed and/or renovated. We’re in the process of putting new flooring in the residence dining room as well, and replacing the old chairs.

St John’s College logo and re-branding
During the summer, the sub-committee that included representation from Assembly, Council, and Administration worked with Frank Reimer to re-design the St John’s logo and associated design elements. This will coincide with the launch of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the college, and be an extremely important tool to use for recruitment, communicating with alumni, and in a potential upcoming Capital Campaign.

Staff update
While Diana DeFoort is on a temporary leave, we are very pleased that Lesley Cowan is able to fill in part time as the Faculty Assistant. Lesley is a former long term employee, as well as a former resident. It’s been great having her back at St John’s.

Dean of Residence

Residence Projects
There was a lot of activity in the residence this summer. Apartment 99 was renovated and looks absolutely spectacular. The dining hall was painted and the flooring will be replaced in the room
soon. The housekeeping office was renovated so Ian Park could work closer to the kitchen, and housekeeping moved into the don’s office, which now has new carpeting, paint and furniture.

**Regular Semester**
As of September 15th, we are full! IEP has stopped contracting with us, but we’ve made up the difference with students in Rudy Subedar’s transition program for First Nations students – 10 students from Sapotaweyak and 2 from Cross Lake. The residence is 55% international, 36% first years, and we have a slightly better male/female ratio (32 women instead of the 27 we had last year). We also have four refugee students staying with us this year – two from Syria and two from South Sudan. One of the Syrian students was sponsored by the college, and the other three are supported by WUSC.

**Summer Session**
This summer was fairly quiet. We accommodated 15 students doing the Explore program through the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology. This was a new partnership and it went well. There was also Health Career Quest Camp and Math Camp for teens, which each ran for about a week. August was very busy, with IEP taking up all the empty spaces.

**Residence Activity**
For the 2016-2017 academic year, the dons are:
- Momo Watanabe (Sr. Don)
- Morgan Taverner
- Shaylan Cottick
- Tino Hove
They’ve already proven themselves to be hard workers and great leaders, and I’m excited to work with them this year!

Res Council is holding elections as I write this report. The executive currently consists of Florian Schwickart and Nour El Abd as Co-Presidents and Riley Coulter as Financial Officer. They will bring on a Communications Officer as well as floor reps in this election. The boys have a lot of energy and I’m excited (though a little apprehensive!) to see what they do.

**Development Officer**

Development Officer Report to Assembly
September 2016

**Fundraising**
- Currently fundraising for new chairs for the Daily Bread
- Working on Capital Campaign

**Alumni/Stewardship**
- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Chris and I travelled to Brandon for donor visits
- Trip to Montreal/Ottawa/Kingston being planned

**Special Events**
- The Lunch and Lively Conversation will be held Friday, 23rd September
- Homecoming dinner is on Saturday 24th September
Marketing/Communications
- The latest issue of In Lumine has been mailed out
- Launching social media on the 19th September with two Tweets and one Instagram Monday to Friday. Many thanks to Caileigh for her knowledge, help and support.

Staffing
- Our summer student worked out so well that we have hired her to work 2-4 hrs a week in the Development Office until Christmas.
- We were successful in our bid for a work/study student and are waiting to see if there are any applicants.

Misc
- Marjorie Ward (nee Webster) memorial service will be held at the College on Saturday 1st October. She is fondly remembered by many Johnians and it is appropriate for her service to be held at the College.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jackie Markstrom
10th May, 2016

Registrar

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 had 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. Signage advertising our scholarships and bursaries, as well as our basket of chocolate was a great draw to our table.

JumpStart (September 6 & 7) ran concurrently with the University Orientation. This year, we made JumpStart a requirement for first-year Residence students. This increased attendance on the first day, but attendance dropped significantly on the second day. Myself, the Bursar, Dean of Residence, and the Senior Stick, are evaluating JumpStart, to find a way to make it more attractive and most helpful to students.

U of M Orientation (September 6 & 7) Once again we had an information table set up in the Info Village on the Curry Pedway. There seemed to be fewer students on the first day than the second day. Again, chocolate was a good draw. In exchange for the chocolate, the students had to take some information and find out the benefits of membership. This seemed to be the most successful strategy yet.

Matriculation (September 25) This year, Matriculation will be on Sunday, September 25, 2016, in the College Chapel, at 3:00 pm. If you are planning to attend and you have not yet told me, please do so immediately after the meeting so I can order gowns. For the new Fellows, this is your opportunity to sign your name in the College Register, dating back to 1866.
**Convocation** (November 6) Mark the date! Sunday, November 6, 2016, is our 150th Convocation! You should have all received your invitations. If you have not yet replied to me, please do so before October 7.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

b) **Report from Senior Stick**

No report

c) **Reports from College Committees**

No report

7. **Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
C. Morrison / D. Lee
CARRIED