ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
Minutes

For the meeting of September 22, 2015 @ 2:30 pm in Room 206 St John's College

Present: A. Perry, B. Cantelo, S. Close, B. Hallman, D. Punter, I. Froese, B. Peeler, J. Weimer, C. Trott, P. Jenkins, S. Peters (Secretary), A. Scott, R. Coutts, D. Brydon, B. Ferguson, J. Dueck, R. Thomas, D. Watt, E. Jones (Chair), B. Erickson, C. Penner

Regrets: L. Wilkinson, S. Sinclair, G. Bak, D. McCance, J. James, G. Friesen

1. Approval of the Agenda
Motion: That the agenda be approved as distributed with the addition of the approval of the changes to the terms of the Canadian Shield Scholarship.
C. Morrison / B. Cantelo
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 12, 2015.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2015 be approved as distributed.
I. Froese, B. Peeler
CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting
None

4. New Business
a) Membership on committees of Assembly - The Dean of Studies presented the updated version of the Standing Committees for Assembly.
b) Strategic Planning - The Warden summarized the process of what has been done so far with the Strategic Planning process. The draft of the mission, vision, and values statements were presented to Assembly. Two Soup and Bread events will be used for discussion and work on the statements and the pillars of the College. Today was a broader discussion about the statements, if they include what members of Assembly think of the College, and if there is something that should be removed. This will all come back to Assembly for approval at a later meeting.
c) Warden’s Review - The Chair of Council is establishing a committee to conduct a review of the Warden as his five-year term is coming to an end. If anyone on Assembly would like to be a part of the review committee, please let the Chair know.
d) 150th Anniversary - Jill Stafford in the Development Office is in charge of the organizing of the 150th anniversary events. A draft brochure listing the events is being produced and will be distributed. Please look at the brochure and see what else can be added.
e) Canadian Shield Scholarship - Motion from Scholarship Committee: That the revised terms of reference for the Canadian Shield Scholarship be approved.
CARRIED
5. Other Business
None

6. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Assembly
September 22, 2015

This past summer I actually took full five weeks of holidays for the first time in my career. I won’t mention the 30 wineries to explore, the fresh cheese and cider from l’Abbaye St Benoit du Lac, the free concerts at the Orford Festival, the chocolate museum because they are not relevant to the work of Assembly. Despite my absence the College continues to be a hive of activity over the summer and even my schedule covers a surprising number of activities:

1) Represented the College at the Distinguished Alumni Awards (May 12)
2) Attended the TD Bank gift announcement of a donation for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (May 13)
3) Represented the College at 4 of the University Convocation Ceremonies (May 26-28)
4) Attended a meeting on the future of Chaplaincy at the College (May 28)
5) Participated in the meetings of the Allies Group (June 2, June 11)
6) Attended the Heads of Anglican Colleges meetings at Huron College in London (June 7-9). Visited Alumni in London.
7) Visited Alumni in Falcon Lake (June 16)
8) Represented the College at St John’s Ravenscourt Convocation (June 19)
9) Attended Indigenous Community Network Update (June 25)
10) Visited Alumni in Calgary (August 24)
11) Participated in the hiring interviews at the Centre for Christian Studies (September 1)
12) Attended an External Relations Breakfast (September 3)
13) Attended Native Studies Department Retreat (September 8, 9)
14) Met with Councillor Janice Lukes re: housing issues in Fort Richmond
15) Participated in a Tenure Committee (September 16)

Throughout the summer I have been working on a major project: the Strategic Planning process at the College. We have undertaken the survey of College Fellows, students and Alumni, reviewed the results and come up with drafts of parts of the strategic plan. This has been exciting work and the committee has had many lively discussions.

Dean of Studies

Report to Assembly. September 22, 2015
Dean of Studies
Brenda Cantelo

We are gearing up to have a busy year and welcome some new faces to the College.

Two new Fellows are joining St. John’s:
Visiting Fellows:
Christina Penner. Christina is an Instructor 2 in the Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Science and teaches first-year programming courses, third and fourth-year courses in Technical Communication, and a third-year course in Professional Practice. Besides her interest in computer science, Ms. Penner also holds a M.A. in English from the University of Manitoba. Her first novel, *Widows of Hamilton House*. Enfield and Wizenty, Winnipeg, MB. 2008 won the Manitoba Day Award from the Association of Manitoba Archivists and was nominated for three literary awards: the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award, the Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for Best First Book by a Manitoba Writer and the John Hirsch Award for Most Promising Manitoba Writer. She has won several grants from the Manitoba Arts Council in support of her writing.

While at St. John’s, Christina will be working on her second novel, *Kate’s Pharmacy*, which uses text messages, social media and web-based interactions to solve a mystery. The novel investigates and exposes how technology fosters and changes relationships.

Although we now welcome Ms. Penner officially as a Visiting Fellow and faculty member, Christina has had a long association with the College. As a graduate student she attended seminars here and while completing her first novel, *Widows of Hamilton House*, she was able to discuss her work with Fellows Warren Cariou and Robert Kroetsch. It’s a pleasure to have Christina back with us once again.

Paul Jenkins
Paul holds a Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow, and specializes in early modern British and European religious and intellectual history. His current work, provisionally titled, “Contesting the Boundaries of Belief: Mystical Reasoning and Scepticism in ‘Early Enlightenment’ Scotland,” examines the relationship between religious Reformation activism and the rise of European Enlightenment (c.1650-c.1740). This project focuses on a series of overlapping religious and philosophical debates broadly linked to two of the trends most commonly associated with the rise of European Enlightenment: (1) the declining significance of demonic agency and the crime of witchcraft, together with their conceptual cousin, heresy; and (2) the corresponding rise of rationalism, religious relativism, and toleration. In addition, Paul has an active interest in the area of the history of philanthropy and higher education and his study, *Serving the Advancement of Knowledge and Education: the First Fifty Years of the William F. Vilas Trust (1961-2011)* was published in 2014. Since 2012 Dr. Jenkins has been a Sessional Lecturer in the History Department, and a Research Affiliate at the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Manitoba.

Retired Fellows
Two of our long-standing Senior Fellows at St. John’s, David Arnason and James Dean, will be retiring as of December 31, 2015. David and Jim have made significant contributions to the College over the decades and have been instrumental in building a vibrant community at St. John’s. We can’t thank them enough for their support, and we wish them many years of relaxation in their retirement. Luckily, Retired Fellows still remain part of the College community and our friendships with Jim and David will continue.

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.
In addition, all Retired Fellows are encouraged to use the Reading Room across the hall in room 315. The room has been fitted with comfortable chairs for reading, conversation and small meetings, and a coat rack for Fellows who come on an occasional basis.

**Upcoming Events for Fall 2015**

**Tuesday, September 15th, Barbeque.** Join us at the Daily Bread Cafe patio between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for a free Barbeque which we will be hosting again with St. Paul's College. In case of rain, the location will be the Cross Common Room.

**Wednesday, September 15th Opening of Term Reception.** We will be having our opening of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and once again Ian Park will provide us with another lovely offering featuring an assortment of canapés and wine. By the way, our Bursar, Ivan Froese will be on hand to take photos for the College, so new Fellows please make sure you have a quick picture taken.

**Thursday, Sept 17 - 7 p.m. public Theology Lecture at St Margaret’s Church.**

**Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast. Cross Common Room.**

**Tuesday, September 22nd, Assembly.** 2:30 p.m. All Fellows should attend.

**Monday, September 28th, Lunch and Lively Conversation.** Details to be announced.

**Sunday, October 4th Matriculation.** 3:00 p.m. 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 book which dates back until 1866.

**Tuesday, October 20th Assembly** meets at 2:30 p.m.. All Fellows should attend.

**Saturday, Oct 24th . 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast.** Cross Common Room.

**Wednesday, October 28th 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 1st, Luncheon at 12:50 p.m. Convocation at 3:00 p.m.** This is a formal event of the College when we confer honorary degrees, 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.
Nov 5- 7th. "The West Before (and after) the West: A Meeting of Western Canadian Studies." Scholars from a range of disciplines will discuss western histories (including St. John's College), literatures, and past and present societies. Please have a look at the conference programme and registration at http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/events/218.html and we look forward to seeing fellows, staff and students at the conference! The conference organizers very much appreciate the support of the College, College staff including Sherry Peters and Amy Craddock.

Sunday, Nov 15 - 3 p.m. Systema Fundraising Concert in Chapel

Saturday, Nov 28th. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast. Cross Common room.

Wednesday, December 2nd End of term reception in the Senior Common Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th. 2:00 p.m. St. John's College Annual Xmas Party. Children and grandchildren of St. John's Fellows are invited to the annual party which features gifts, food and a special visit from St. Nicholas.

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, Jade Weimer will be coordinating the lectures. There will be two special Soup and Breads scheduled for October for Fellows and staff to discuss the draft Strategic Plan. Free soup, bread and salad!

Enjoy the term and let me know if I can help advertise any upcoming events for you.

Chaplain

Chaplain’s Report to Assembly
September 22, 2015

- Over the summer, I did continuing education at Victoria Hospital under the chaplain there
- I've also been working with representatives in the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and United Churches to propose a joint, full-time, Protestant chaplaincy based at St. John's College beginning in fall 2016
- Chapel services are reduced this year because of poor attendance last year; meditation has been postponed for the same reason
- Safe sex & healthy living programming continues in the residence
- Bible & breakfast is three times this semester with speakers from CCS, U of W, and Providence UC: Sept 19, Oct 24, Nov 28
- An English conversation group for all students is beginning Sept 24; still thinking about where to host it (my background is in teaching EAL and there is a huge need for better integration of international students at the College)
- I took the student council on a leadership retreat to Camp Arnes Sept 11-12
• A dinner & discussion group for Christian students is beginning Sept 24
• A group of students is planning to team up for the “Walk a Mile” in support of West Broadway Community Ministry
• We have no counselling intern this year because there is a shortage of counselling students available

Bursar

Bursars’ report to Assembly September 22\textsuperscript{nd} 2015

Financial
The auditors were here in May, and the on site review lasted for 2.5 days. We recently received draft statements, and the approval process is ongoing (Finance & Admin Committee, as well as Council).

Summer residence
We had much lower numbers in the residence than we had hoped and anticipated. Two summer student groups that had been discussed with IEP ended up not materializing, and overall their numbers were down. Their program appears to be in a state of flux at the moment, and quite undependable. This is due to competing preferences between home stay and residence stay, as well as their pricing structure. As a result, we made other efforts to attract different, more short term groups and individuals. During the Women’s World Cup event, we had many international soccer fans staying with us. However, this is not a viable long term strategy for us. We are much more effective when we have larger, long term groups and we will be looking for alternatives to IEP for 2105-16.

Grounds
Meetings with physical plant were held to discuss a new landscaping plan for both St John’s and St Paul’s College. This is dependant on funding from the university being available, and will likely be rolled out in stages over the next few years. However, we were able to have the large trees in front of the Chapel removed, which will make that a much more usable space. I’m working with grounds to figure out how to add some new benches and trees to go in their place.

Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report
Residence Projects
I guess that I am the newest residence project! I have been settling into the routine here and learning the ropes. Otherwise, no major changes in the residence.

Regular Semester
As of September 14\textsuperscript{th}, we have one room available in the residence after two students moved out in the first week. I have put out the call to the waiting list and am now contacting students who have made inquiries but never applied. I assume we will fill it by January at the very latest, though I’m hoping to get someone much sooner. IEP only contracted 4 rooms this year, so we
have filled the gap by accepting more ICM students. The residence is currently 50% first-year students and 55% international.

Summer Session
This summer was particularly quiet. In June we accommodated a number of FIFA fans here to see the games. In July the residence was a bit of a ghost town; there were only 30-40 residents at any given time. August was very busy however, with IEP taking up all the empty spaces.

Residence Activity
For the 2015-2016 academic year, the dons are:

- Simone da Silva Rosa (Sr. Don)
- Noah Gilfix
- Morgan Taverner
- Momo Watanabe

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 finally starting to take shape. After sorting through a lot of confusing information, I figured out that last year's res council never held an election for officers. This means that on September 28th, dons Morgan and Momo will act as returning officers and hold an election for ALL positions, from Co-Presidents to Hall Rep. Hopefully, the new council will be able to gel on a shorter timeframe and partner with the dons and with student council on some exciting activities.

Development Officer

Development Officer Report to Assembly
September, 2015

Fundraising
- Gifts received since April as at today = $49,176
- Successfully raised the funds for the Health Quest Camp
- Fall appeal is on track to go out in late October
- Three scholarships/bursaries have been initiated this year.

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

Special Events
- Attending the Homecoming Dinner on the 3rd October, 2015
- Lunch and Lively Conversation will be held on the 28th September.
- Convocation luncheon - 1st November
150th Anniversary Celebrations
- Jill has taken over as coordinator for the 150th Anniversary celebrations
- A year-long schedule of events is being collated and will be put into a brochure format
- Year starts September 2016 and ends with a reunion weekend at the end of April 2017.

Marketing/Communications
- Positive feedback from our last issue of In Lumine.

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 and are waiting to receive applications – we know we have one!

Misc
- Continue to attend UcFm 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
15th September, 2015

Librarian

No report submitted.

Registrar

Registrar’s Report to Assembly
September 22, 2015

Recruitment: We participated in the University’s Head Start program on June 6, 2015, and Orientation September 8 & 9, 2015. Both were successful events, adding members to the College as well as connecting with first-year members..

JumpStart: As it did last year, JumpStart to coincide with the University of Manitoba Orientation days. This resulted in higher enrollment, with 15 participants.

Upcoming:
October 4 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 1 is Convocation and your invitations are in your mailbox.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

b) Report from Senior Stick

Senior Stick Report to Assembly

September 2015

JumpStart was a success this year where 15 students showed up for the orientation. Most of the students who have attended Jumpstart was very pleased with the knowledge we have as upper year students who they can come and approach us with any help they need for certain courses. They really appreciated the fact that they were able to meet first year university students who are interested in going towards a common degree/study at the university.

Sincerely,

Eun-Ah Lee

c) Reports from College Committees

None

7. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
B. Ferguson / B. Hallman
CARRIED

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