ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
AGENDA
For the Meeting of Wednesday January 29, 2003

Dinner @ 5:00 in the Cross Common Room
Meeting @ 6:00 in the Quiet Room

Regrets to Erin 474-8520

1. Opening Prayer

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Presentation - David Carr, U of M Press

4. Approval of the November 20, 2002 minutes (previously circulated)

5. New Business
   a) Re-appointment of the Dean of Theology (white attachment)
   b) Presentation by the Dean of Theology on the progress of developing Theology programs
   c) Chaplain - Dean of Residence

6. a) Reports from Council Committees
      i) Finance Committee – (buff attachment)
      ii) Other Committees

   b) Report from Assembly

   c) Reports from College Officers
      i) Warden
      ii) Dean of Studies
      iii) Dean of Theology
      iv) Bursar
      v) Chaplain
      vi) Dean of Residence
      vii) Development Officer
      viii) Registrar

7. Any Other Business
   i) Reminder - Council Dinner, April 9 2003 for Council members and Spouses (formal invitations to follow in March)

8. Adjournment
December 13, 2002

Mr. Bernie Beare, Chair
St John's College Council

Dear Bernie:

At its meeting yesterday afternoon, the Dean of Theology Review Committee voted unanimously to recommend to us that we nominate the Rev. John Stafford to the St John's College Council as the Dean of Theology, for a five year term beginning on July 1, 2003. We are pleased to accept this recommendation and it is our wish to make this nomination at the Council meeting on January 29, 2003.

In making its decision, the Review Committee sought input from members of the Faculty Council of Theology, from administrative and academic colleagues, and from students. We also reviewed a teaching dossier that John prepared which included, among other things, course evaluations from a cross-section of courses that John has taught. We received ten responses to our request for input, as well as a letter from John's thesis supervisor, Dr. Egil Grislis. Without exception, the responses were very positive.

John has made substantial progress in his doctoral studies. He has completed all of his coursework, passed his two language exams and his candidacy exams and his thesis proposal will be submitted next week. It should be noted that this is his second proposal. For reasons largely outside John's control, he chose to make a major shift in his thesis topic to a study of the work of Richard Hooker. We received an overwhelming endorsement of John's scholarship from Dr. Grislis, who, it should be noted, is a world authority on Hooker. In addition, John has one paper from his thesis work accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. According to Dr. Grislis, a second excellent paper which was presented recently at a large scholarly conference was well received and will almost certainly be published as well.

The committee received a great deal of evidence to indicate that John's teaching is of a very high caliber. He has also developed an innovative and successful Summer Institute of Theology over the course of the past five years. It is anticipated that the Summer Institute will play a significant role in a new program that is being developed within the Faculty of Theology.

John Stafford has also shown a great deal of academic leadership. He has forged a significant collaborative relationship with the member institutions of the Winnipeg Theological Consortium and has
organized several highly successful academic conferences. He developed the Institute for Anglican Studies model and has worked with the Rev. Dr. Iain Luke in implementing this model in a manner that, we believe, has perhaps even exceeded initial expectations for success. The Faculty of Theology is very close to being able to propose an exciting new program of ministry training and this has occurred, in very large part, to John's efforts.

In the absence of the Warden, John has served as Acting Warden on many occasions and he has always discharged these duties well.

We would very much like to see John's excellent leadership of the Faculty of Theology continue and we look forward to presenting this nomination to Council.

Thank you in advance for ensuring that this matter comes before Council.

Yours truly,

Janet A. Hoskins, Ph.D.
Warden & Vice-Chancellor

Right Rev. Donald D. Phillips
Bishop of Rupert's Land
Chancellor of St John's College
Finance Committee Report to Council  
Jan. 29, 2003

1. Trust capital definition.
Finance Committee was asked to reconsider the definition of trust capital (for purposes of scholarships and prizes) brought forward to the November meeting. The committee has agreed on and recommends instead:

Motion: That trust capital, as applied to the St. John's College trust fund for scholarships, bursaries and prizes, be defined as the cumulative total of amounts donated to the trust fund, plus any duly authorized additions, less any duly authorized reductions or transfers, all recorded at transaction values.

2. Chapel roof.
Some repairs are necessary to the east-side edges of the chapel roof, because in the words of the Facilities Manager, "the roof seams/joints are separating, rotting, and lifting up". The amount necessary to do the repairs already known about can be met within the current operating budget, and for that, neither Council nor Assembly action is necessary. However, if some rafters need to be replaced, the expense may be considerably larger, and we may come back to Council at the next meeting for authorization to finance part or all of the extra expenses out of trust capital. Until we know fully what is needed, we make no request.

3. Interim budget report:
Finance Committee reports to Assembly on the state of revenues and expenditures relative to the budget, after six and nine months of the fiscal year. This report for the first nine months shows no cause for alarm. Expenditures to December are all well below budget levels. Chapel expenditures could well be above budgeted levels because of roof repairs of about $12,000, if they are recorded in the current rather than the next budget year. Registrar's Office expenditures will be below budget levels. Summer Res and Conferences have produced $18,000 less revenue and $13,000 less expenses than budgeted, as reported in the fall. U of M Admin & Clerical expenditures and receipts for December are not in yet, but the end of November figures show a surplus to that date of over $150,000 that is bound to evaporate as the accounting catches up with reality.