ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes

For the Meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Meal at 5:30. Meeting from 6:00 in the Cross Common Room (#108)


Regrets: E. Jones, W. Regehr, S. Blaikie

1. Opening Prayer
   D. Phillips opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed with the following amendments:
   5c to be changed to: Development office Plan
   B. Cantelo/D.Brydon
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the September 24, 2014 Minutes
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2014 be approved as distributed.
   P. Brass/J. Ripley
   CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
   None

5. New Business
   a) Update on the work of the Commission on Theological Education - Since the last Council, a similar report was presented at Diocesan Synod which generated lively discussion. Helpful and useful comments have come to the Bishop and Warden since the Synod to be brought to the Commission. The Commission has also come to the College and met with the Fellows and had a fruitful discussion on how the Fellows saw the College both as an Anglican College and the role of Theology in the College.
   b) University of Manitoba Budget situation - The University has asked for all units to present budgets with 4% cuts for each of the next two years, including St John’s College, but the College should be able to absorb the cuts.
   c) Development Office Plan - J. Markstrom highlighted parts of the Development Plan that was included in the minutes from the meeting of September 24, 2014.
   d) Report from Werden on the Collegiate Way Conference - What came out strongest, was that Colleges are great for fostering wholistic education, which is something we need to think about as we undergo strategic planning. Colleges are also in the business of education, not accommodation.
   e) Budget Summary - The Bursar presented the budget summary on behalf of the Finance & Administration Committee.
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f) Summary of Awards - B. Cantelo presented a list of the awards given out this last year for information.

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
   a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
      Council Executive met on November 4, 2014 to set the agenda for today’s meeting.

      Finance & Admin. met with the Investment Managers, everything is as it should be.

   b) Report from Assembly
      No report

   c) Report from College Officers and Student Council
      i) Warden

Warden’s Report to Council
December 3, 2014

This has been a busy Fall term despite my efforts not to take on anything new. I continue to teach one course during the term.

The College was a co-sponsor of the Knight Lectureship this year when Justice Murray Sinclair was invited to speak. The organizing committee, on which I was a member, put together a series of events throughout October beginning with the Sol Kanee Lecture (which I attended) and ending with a Symposium on November 1 (which I was unable to attend). All of the events were very well attended.

The College’s Fall Convocation went very well this year despite the fact the Justice Thomas Berger fell ill at the last minute and was unable to attend. We had a very good time visiting with the Ven. Douglas Fenton while he was here and renewed many College acquaintances. I was particularly pleased with the number of students who turned out for the event.

At the beginning of October I gave a lecture on Inuit art at West Texas University in Lubbock, Texas. We invited our Texas alumni to attend but I am not aware any made it. At the end of October I attended the Inuit Studies Conference in Quebec City and had the opportunity to meet with our only alumna there. My most recent trip was to Durham for The Collegiate Way Conference (separate report). I took the opportunity in England to meet with some of our alumni in London.

My other activities include:

1) Participating in the Allies Group for Indigenous Achievement
2) Attended a briefing by the Visionary Regeneration planning group
3) Working with the Scion group on the research on housing needs at the University
4) Attending Diocesan Synod, October 16-18.
5) Attending one session of Fall Convocation. I am grateful to Prof. Diana Brydon for representing the College at the second Convocation.
6) Continuing the represent the College at the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation partners committee
7) Representing the Native Studies Department and the College at the Evening of Excellence
8) Sitting on a faculty promotion committee
9) Representing the College at the blessing of the new National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (i.e. Chancellor's Hall)
10) Attending the opening of the “We Were So Far from Home” exhibit on Inuit in residential schools
11) Participating in the Commission on Theological Education discussion with the College Fellows and Staff
12) Attended the Bishop's Dinner.
13) Chairing a Ph.D. Defence
14) Running the Bible and Breakfast on November 15.
15) Attended the Athena Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship reception with one of our students
16) Attending Diocesan Council, Senate, Faculty of Arts Council, Provost's Council, External Relations Breakfast Meetings. Instructional Space Management Advisory Committee, SJC Theology Reading Group, Native Studies Department Meeting

ii) Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies Report to Council
December 3, 2014

We have had a busy fall and below are the highlights for this term.

College Events
Friday, September 26th Canadian Studies Programme Roundtable on “Canadians and Their Pasts.” Speakers included Gerald Friesen (University of Manitoba), Margaret Conrad (University of New Brunswick), and Peter Selig (University of British Columbia) and the event took place in room 108 St. John's College (Cross Common Room).

Monday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. Theology Reading group read 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 presented an international, interdisciplinary conference, “A Matter of Life/death” and many of the sessions and events were held at the College. Congratulations to Dawne McCance and her staff at Mosaic for putting together such a successful event and thank you to Food Services for all of the receptions and refreshments throughout the conference.

Tuesday, October 21st Assembly meeting.

Wednesday, October 29th Celebrating Excellence at St. John's College. We had our second annual Celebrating Excellence at St. John's College reception in the library this fall. The event, jointly hosted by the St. John's College Library, the University of Manitoba Press and the College, is a special time when we acknowledge recent publications of Fellows and staff and recognize distinctions such as teaching, academic, professional and community awards. This year, publications were submitted by: Greg Bak, Allison Chubb, Dennis Cooley, Gerry Friesen, Jonathan Peyton, Sherry Peters, Amy Scott and Anthony Waterman. Several of our Fellows also received prestigious awards recently and we wish to congratulate: Gerry Friesen, who has been awarded the J.B.Tyrell Historical Medal from the Royal Society of Canada; Esyllt Jones on her election to the Royal Society of Canada's College on New Scholars, Artists and Scientists;
Amy Scott, who was named as one of three national finalists for the 2014 Impact Talent Award given by SSHRC; and Anthony Waterman who was elected an ‘Honorary Member’ of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought and will be making an acceptance speech at their annual meeting in Rome in May of next year.

This year our coordinator was Robert Coutts, who did a fine job of organizing all the materials in advance and keeping the whole event running smoothly. Thank you, Robert. We had an excellent turnout and the good company, good food and good wine made for a pleasant afternoon.

**Sunday, November 2nd Luncheon at noon. Convocation at 3:00 p.m.** Convocation 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. This year we had a capacity audience with large numbers of students and their friends and families in attendance.

**Wednesday, December 3rd End of term reception** will be 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.**

Our **Soup and Bread Lectures**, coordinated this fall by Amy Scott, have been a success as well. All of our Soup and Bread Lectures take place in the Senior Common Room and consist of an excellent vegetarian lunch courtesy of Food Services, a twenty minute lecture from our speaker and a ten to fifteen minute question/answer period. Here is our fall list:

**Tuesday October 7, 2014**
Len Kuffert
*Broadcasting Music in Canadian Radio’s ‘Golden Age’*

**Wednesday October 29, 2014**
Joseph Weibe
*Agonistic Connections between Metis and Mennonite Land*

**Tuesday November 4, 2014**
Bruce Erickson
*The Sovereign use of Crisis: Protecting Nature to Fund the State*

**Wednesday November 12, 2014**
Krista Barclay
*‘Their favourite roosting place’: Hudson's Bay Company Families in Canada West*

**Wednesday November 19, 2014**
Lori Wilkinson
*What Do We Know About the Settlement Experiences of Immigrants to Canada’s West?*
Our second lecture series is **Brown Bag Lunch**, coordinated this term by Rod Clifton. For this series, we all bring our own lunches, but desserts are provided.

**Wednesday, October 1st** Rod Clifton, “An analysis of the Draft Strategic Plan for the U of M.”

**Tuesday, November 25th** Clint Curle, “Stories Matter: The Making of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights” Clint Curle is presently the Head of Stakeholder Relations at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

**Wednesday, November 26th** Greg Bak, “Extending the Classroom Online: What Digital Tools are you using?”

We held our Annual General Meeting for the St. John’s College Faculty Association and the Senior Common Room Committee on November 5, 2014. We are now developing a constitution and establishing policy for terms of usage for the SCR.

**Looking ahead to next term:**
-Junior Fellow Jade Weimer will be coordinating our winter Soup and Bread series and Rod Clifton will continue to host the Brown Bag Lunches. Schedules for both series should be available by mid-January.

-The art committee is in the process of planning our 2015 St. John’s College Student Art Competition and have set the date for the St. John’s Student Art Competition Reception and prize ceremony for **Thursday, March 26th, 2015**. The art will remain on display for one month, following the judging.

-Finally, planning for the next Marjorie Ward Lecture is in progress, so stay tuned for more information. This year the committee selected Andre Lewis, the Artistic Director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet to be our Ward Lecturer. It is the 75th anniversary for the Ballet, and the event is sure to generate significant interest from the university and the wider community.

Brenda Cantelo

iii) Development Office

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**Development Officer Report to Council**

**November, 2014**

**Fundraising**
- Gifts received since April as 24th November = $88,541
- Fall appeal has been mailed. Response to date is positive.

**Alumni/Stewardship**
- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Arranged for Chris to meet with Alumni on his London visit.
Special Events
- Convocation luncheon - 3rd November was a huge success with 8 J-Pin recipients in attendance.
- Putting together a committee to help with the 150th anniversary celebrations

Marketing/Communications
- In Lumine is being assembled.

Staffing
- Currently have one volunteer coming in on a regular basis to update the database. We were successful in our bid to have a work/study student – Janviere is working with us through to the beginning of March. She is working on the database and will start working on events and other projects in the New Year.

Misc
- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- UofM have announced to media that the $500 million Front & Centre Capital Campaign will launch officially October 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
24th November, 2014

iv) Dean of Residence

v) Chaplain

Chaplain’s Report for Council, December 2014
This semester has been a busy one! I’ve been engaged with the following:
- A leadership retreat to Camp Arnes with the SJC student association
- A joint spiritual retreat with Sister Elaine from St. Paul's, to the St. Charles retreat centre
- A weekly meditation group started mid semester
- A weekly midday prayer and monthly Eucharist service, held on Wednesdays
- Pints & Compline happened three times this semester, but it seems to have run its course. We won't continue it next semester
- Preaching every two months or so for All the Kings Men evensong service
- Initiated a new project with a counselling intern, who comes in one day a week to provide free counselling to students. This took a while to get going, but she now has a full roster of students and we’ve run out of space. We have a lot of students in need of counselling and the university now offers it in a very limited fashion.
- New projects in the residence: each month, I've initiated an educational theme for the residence. September was drinking, October was safe sex, November has been mental health, and December will be sleep and exam prep. This includes a bulletin board full of information (passive programming) and an event (active programming). Unfortunate, I’ve
had no luck getting students to come out to the events, even though they've included games and movies.

- I've also begun stocking the residence washrooms with much-needed literature: birth control & STI info, crisis numbers, and condoms
- December 14th will be our Lessons and Carols service for Advent. We'll again have the "Friends of the College" choir, directed by John Tanner.
- We've also started Bible & Breakfast again this year. We had two sessions in the fall with OT scholar Lissa Wray Beal and will have two NT in the spring with Jane Barter Moulaison and John Stafford. We had 20-25 people each time. John will join us at the end of January and Jane will be in March.

vi) Bursar

Bursar's report to Council

A brief report:
I have met with audio visual and classroom services, who have informed me that two more of our classrooms will be receiving technology upgrades in their next round of projects. These upgrades dramatically improve the ability to deliver course materials to students and we're pleased this will be going ahead.
The replacement of the cloister roof is nearly complete. There is some flashing and finishing work that needs to still be done, but the majority of the work is done, and was presentable in time for convocation.
At the time of this writing, I have a meeting with physical plant scheduled where they will be presenting the first draft of the planned campus grounds improvements at St John's. I will be able to provide further details at the meeting.
We are awaiting an estimate to have the carpet in the Galleria replaced with vinyl flooring to match the adjoining hallways. We have funds available in our university budget that were carried over from last year to put towards this project.

After a busy summer in food services and the residence, the 2014-15 budget is progressing and on track. However, one thing we will need to be mindful of is a projected cut by the university next year. Adjustments and planning have already started with myself and the Warden. Spending will need to be curbed, and other items currently expensed through the university will need to be shifted to the college budget.

vii) Registrar

Registrar's Report to Council
December 2014

Recruitment: We participated in the University's Evening of Excellence on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Matriculation: Matriculation was held on Sunday, September 21, 2014. A hearty thank you to the Fellows, Staff, and Students who volunteered and participated in the ceremony.
Convocation: Convocation was held on Sunday, November 2, 2014. The number of students participating in this event continues to grow, due in large part because they are given their Scholarship and Bursary cheques at the ceremony. We also had a larger number of grads attending. The Development Office put on another wonderful alumni lunch, and as always, our Food Services out-did themselves on the lunch and receptions. Thank you to the many student volunteers, the staff for helping with details before Convocation and on the day, and to all who participated and attended.

Upcoming:
February 18 & 19, 2015 will be the University of Manitoba Information Days.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

viii) Senior Stick
- 26 student attended the SkyZone event on November 14. The CoffeeHouse was held at the HUB in support of a charity in Nigeria (ask Martina about the name), A super smash brothers tournament was held, and a movie day, new furniture has arrived in the Student Lounge.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment
By consensus
CARRIED

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

Chair

Secretary

Date

Jan. 28/15