ST JOHN’S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes
For the Meeting of January 25, 2017
Meal at 5:30, Meeting from 6:00 Room 108, St John’s College

Present: L. Kuffert, D. Watt, L. Roberts, C. Morrison, P. Brass, I. Froese, L. Wilkinson, H. Enns, B. Pope, J. Dueck, A. Braid, C. Trott, J. Ripley (Acting Chair), S. Peters (Secretary)
Regrets: D. Phillips, B. Beare, J. James, J. McConnell, H. Richardson, R. Coutts, H. Kennedy, C. Loewen, D. Lee

1. Opening Prayer
C. Trott opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
B. Pope / P. Brass
CARRIED

3. Approval of the November 23, 2016 Minutes
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2016 be approved as distributed with the corrected spelling of PreFontaine on page 1.
H. Enns / L. Wilkinson
CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
None

5. New Business
   a) Budget Summary - I. Froese presented a summary of the budget, highlighting that there were some losses over the summer and due to the strike. Staffing levels were decreased to minimize costs. We are working to maximize our revenues, in particular through meetings and catering.
   b) Honorary Degree Nominations - The Warden requested that nominations for Honorary Degrees be sent to S. Peters or the Warden. He reminded Council that Cindy Blackstock had been nominated last year and had asked to defer to 2017 so she will be receiving the Honorary Doctor of Canon Law (honoris cause) at the November 2017 convocation.
   c) Strategic Plan - The Warden presented the draft of the Strategic Plan requesting feedback, corrections, suggestions, ideas on where things can be fleshed out. In particular from page 8 on, how much detail should be put in for each item? Please send feedback to the Warden by February 1, 2017.
   d) Chaplain / Spiritual Advisor Search - The search committee met, interviewed and selected a candidate for the position.
   e) Residence Update - The Warden updated Council on the process in seeking funding from the three levels of government. The design and proposal will be $350,000.00, once the contract has been worked out. We are also seeking funding to cover the design.
   f) Sponsor for Assiniboia Reunion - MOTION: That St John’s College act as sponsor for the Assiniboia Residential School Commemoration Reunion by virtue of the College using its charitable number for donations to the college dedicated to that purpose including a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation
C. Trott / L. Kuffert
After some discussion on the use of the St John’s College charitable number, the MOTION was withdrawn.
MOTION: That Council refer the issue of the use of St John’s College charitable number to receive donations for the Assiniboia Residential School Commemoration Reunion and the application for a grant for such purpose from the Winnipeg Foundation to the College solicitors for an opinion.
P. Brass / B. Pope
CARRIED

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

   b) Report from Assembly
   Assembly met on January 17, 2017. We elected a new Junior Fellow, Ben Collins, discussing the strategic plan, receiving reports, discussed the status of fundraising for new chairs for the Daily Bread Cafe.

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

   Warden’s Report to Council
   January 25, 2017

   Since our last Council meeting we have seen the resolution of the strike by the UMFA members, which has led to a peculiar, and disorienting term and exam period to make up for the time lost during the strike. We are now back in full Winter term mode. The University continues to work on a new budget model and its implications for the College are still not clear.

   1) I attended the National Philanthropy Day Lunch at the Metropolitan Center with Jackie.
   2) I hosted the Bible and Breakfast with the Rev. Dr. David Widdicombe on November 19.
   3) I hosted the "Becoming the Story We Tell" workshop that we offered in collaboration with the Centre for Christian Studies on November 19.
   4) I attended the Academic All Canadian ceremony where 4 Johnians were honoured on November 21.
   6) I officiated at the Carols and Lessons Advent Service on November 27.
   7) I attended the Senior Executive Retreat on December 1 and 2.
   8) I attended the Residence Christmas Banquet on December 2.
   9) I attended the University of Manitoba Alumni gathering in Calgary on December 6 and visited with Calgary Alumni.
   10) I am a member of the Theological Education Implementation Group and have met twice with them on December 9 and January 9.
   11) I hosted the annual SJC Family Christmas Party on December 10
   12) I am a member of the search committee for a new Principal at the Centre for Christian Studies and have met with them on December 1 and 12
   13) I chair the SJC Chaplain Search Committee and met with them on December 22, January 12, and January 19.

   ii) Dean of Studies
We are gearing up to have a busy year and welcome some new faces to the College.

Please join me in welcoming two new visiting fellows at the College this semester.

Visiting Fellows:

Preston Parsons
Dr Parsons just received his PhD in Theology from the University of Cambridge. While studying at Cambridge, he served as the Priest-Vicar at (the aptly named) St John’s College at the University of Cambridge. His dissertation is entitled A Friendship for others: A Theological Interpretation of the friendship between Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Eberhard Bethge. He will be continuing his work in this area while he is here, working on two papers, tentatively entitled: 1) ‘Church Discipline and Theological Education: Finkenwalde and the Riddle of Freedom’, and 2) ‘Bonhoeffer’s “Acts of Love” and Luther’s Rhetoric of Divine Agency’. His office is located in 227 St John’s College.

Murray Evans
Dr Murray Evans is a recently retired Professor in the Department of English at the University of Winnipeg where he has taught since 1982. He was previously a visiting fellow of St John’s College in 2015. In 1986-87, he was a Bye Fellow at Robinson College at the University of Cambridge. He is a well-decorated scholar, most recently the inaugural University of Winnipeg Arts Research Award in 2012. His research expertise is in late medieval literature, most recently focusing on Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Jacques Rancière and theories of the sublime. During his time here, he is working on his manuscript “After Sublime Coleridge”, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan. His office is located in 229 St John’s College.

Academic News

The following are issues that the Provost, Vice-Provost, Registrar and Vice Presidents Academic are currently discussing. I’m happy to highlight and expand on any of these items if you have any questions.

1. Academic integrity continues to be problematic, despite the efforts made by the Academic Integrity Working Group to resolve some of these issues. The Academic Integrity Working Group (of which I am a member) is currently working on finalizing an academic integrity tutorial that all undergraduate students must complete within their first year of registration. The idea is to ensure all students have a working knowledge of academic integrity prior to beginning their studies.

2. University 1 and Direct Entry Reviews: reports to the Provosts are due this summer. The University is reviewing the role of University 1 in light of the introduction of direct entry into many of the undergraduate programs. They will share the results of the reports at a later date.

3. Experiential learning: remains a priority for undergraduate education at this university
4. Graduate and Undergraduate Program Review Committee News:
   a. Pilot test of a combined graduate and undergraduate program review is currently underway in History and Biological Sciences. The goal is to unite these program reviews across the university in the future.
   b. There will be some new guidelines for performing all program reviews which will be introduced in the coming year. Your associate dean will have information about these changes.

5. New Budget Review Process: sadly, I don't have much information about that initiative at the moment but will keep you posted.

6. Scheduling of Classes: the Registrar's Office is conducting a review of class scheduling (when classes are held, in what semester, how many are held during “prime time”). We can expect more information about this initiative in the future.

7. Review of the Academic Schedule: Senate has asked for a report on the following items: length of exam period, length of term, number of classroom teaching hours, location and number of holidays. Results will be shared at a later date.

8. Survey Review Committee: All surveys that are distributed to students, staff and faculty on this campus must first be reviewed by the Survey Review Committee. The process is as follows:
   a. Complete Request for Approval Form and submit survey to committee (can be done at the same time as the request is given to the REB)
   b. Coordinator will review within one week or less of the application
   c. If required, the would be forwarded to the larger Survey Review Committee for review and comment
   d. If required/applicable, University of Manitoba Access and Privacy Office may need to review survey; Legal Office may be involved if there are incentives offered to respondents
   e. Office of Institutional Analysis will require a brief report of the findings and the response rate—this information will be compiled into an annual report submitted to University Senate
   f. A list of ongoing, authentic surveys can be accessed here: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/oia/surveys/3793.html
   g. The Survey Review Committee can be reached here: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/oia/surveys/6256.html

Upcoming Events for Winter 2017

Opening of Term Reception: given the delayed start to the Winter term, the reception has been moved back by a week. Please join us in the Senior Common Room between 3 and 5PM on January 18 to celebrate the beginning of term!

Marjorie Ward Lecture: We are pleased to announce that Dr. Stephen Lewis will be giving the Marjorie Ward Lecture this year. Mark your calendars for February 28 4:30PM. The lecture will take place at the Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre, with a reception to follow.

150th Anniversary Events
Music Recital: Thursday January 26 12:00-12:30 at the Chapel. Featured performances by Charmaine Bacon and Michael Cutler.
Music Recital: February 23 12:00-12:30 at the Chapel. Featured performances by Charmaine Bacon and Michael Cutler.
150th Anniversary Symposium: Thursday April 27 9:00-4:00 St John’s College. Details on speakers and topics to follow
St John’s Official 150th Anniversary Weekend: April 28th - 30th
Friday, April 28 3pm Registration and self-guided Art Tour and Archive Memorabilia; 6:30 – 7pm Compline; 7pm – 9pm Wine & Cheese and Death by Chocolate! (location and additional details to follow)

Sat. April 9:00-2:00 Alumni Gathering, Reunion Group Photo, Lunch of the Decades
5:30 Reception, 6:30 Gala Dinner with guest Mayor Brian Bowman ‘96
Photo booth and live music at 8pm by “Rock the House”

Sun. April 30 at 11am – noon Worship Service
Noon to 1:30 pm Reunion windup and buffet lunch

(Please note: registration is required for these events. Please contact Jill Stafford for more information and watch your email for additional information)

Our alumni website has interesting historical information and photos that you might be interested in viewing.
http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/alumni_dev/sjc150thanniversary.html

Soup and Bread Lectures: all lectures start at 11:45, lecture begins around 12:15 and ends at 1:00 and is located in the Senior Common Room. Everyone is welcome! Schedule of speakers:

Tuesday 10 January: Murray Evans “Sublime Politics: Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) and Jacques Rancière (1940-)

Tuesday 24 January: Jim Blanchard “St John’s College 150th Anniversary Presentation: The Machray Scandal”

Monday 6 February: Ryan Duplassie “Living Treaty: Anishinaabe Land-based Education and the University”


Wednesday 8 March: Marieke Dhont “Intercultural Interaction in Antiquity: Hellenism and Judaism”

Lunch and Lively Conversations: everyone is welcome. There is a small fee for participation to cover the costs of lunch. Please contact Jill Stafford if you are attending
Erin Millions “Education in the Red River Settlement” February 22, 12-2PM in the Cross Commons Room.
Celebrating Excellence: February 27, 3-4:30PM in St John’s Library (this event was originally to be held in the Fall but was delayed due to the strike)

Wilmot Theology Lecture: Reverend Canon Alyson Barnette-Cowan March 20-22 (dates and locations to be announced)

Bach’s Birthday: this annual event is meant to honour retired St John’s Fellows and staff. It will be held at 2:30-4:30 March 22, St John’s Chapel

End of Term BBQ and Reception: April 5, location (hopefully outside—if weather permits).

Passion Service: April 9 St John’s Chapel

In conclusion, I hope you all have an enjoyable and productive Winter term and hope to see you all at the 150th Anniversary Events!

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
January 2017

Fundraising
• To date raised: $190,214
• The annual appeal is still coming in so we have not evaluated the response yet
• Received two bequests: Estate of Marjorie Ward and estate of Marjorie Hardman.

Alumni/Stewardship
• Continuing to visit with Johnians.
• Chris and I will be travelling to Ottawa at the beginning of February and Vancouver/Victoria at beginning of March
• I will be on vacation in England in May and plan on some visits to alumni whilst there.

Special Events
• There is an organ concert in the Chapel on 26th January
• Planning the Reunion Weekend – so far 4 people registered.

Marketing/Communications
• Helping to promote the MWL on the 28th February
• The College is tweeting! Many thanks to Caileigh for her knowledge, help and support. Please send me a bio and photo to be included in this venture!

Staffing
• Ade continues to work for us as the work study student.
• Applying to Canada Summer jobs for a grant for the 2017 summer student

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
iv) Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report

Residence Projects
There are no major projects happening in the residence right now.

Regular Semester
Due to some unexpected move outs, we have 98 out of 100 beds filled in the residence for winter term. We are currently working to find students to fill these rooms. Our end of term move out date has been shifted to April 30th to accommodate exams running later this year. The costs for the four extra days should be covered by the University.

Residence Activity
Residence has generally been quite peaceful. There was a 9-hour blackout on Boxing Day, but Manitoba Hydro worked overtime to restore power and the 25 brave souls in residence over the break heroically survived despite the lack of internet. Students are slowly trickling back in to write exams, and the Dons and Res Council will be back into planning activities once the new term begins.

v) Chaplain

No report

vi) Bursar

Bursar’s report to Council January 25th, 2017

Financial
Classes finally resumed last week, so normal student levels have returned to the College after the strike, and an altered exam schedule. This is a welcomed change, and should help restore regular business in the Daily Bread Café and espresso 101, as well as our catering operation. The final impact of the strike on our November Food Service revenues was significant - approximately $20,000. We will spend the 4th quarter working hard to keep costs low, and maximize our revenue centres.

The university is developing a completely new, decentralized budgeting strategy that will change the way our budget is set, and which expenses will now reside with the College as opposed to being handled centrally. Allocations will also be adjusted to offset those costs. This has involved numerous meetings with the consultants the university has contracted with, and workshops and discussions will continue. Beginning in 2017-18, the new budget process will run in parallel to the existing one, and then go “live” in 2018-19. As this is a
major undertaking, and a significant shift from how things are done now, there are numerous questions and challenges currently being addressed.

**Building items**
The heating pumps in the residence have been replaced, and we were able to minimize the effect it had on the students. However, there was a significant power outage on campus on December 26th which left the residence without power for approximately 8 hours. Once we were made aware, I stayed in contact with the Manager of Electrical Services who worked tirelessly to restore power to our residence, and then to the rest of the campus. There were roughly 25 students in the residence over Christmas, and thankfully we didn’t have to move them to a hotel for the night.

The residence dining room has been repainted, and the carpet replaced with vinyl flooring. It is a major improvement.

The academic portion of the College has received a new hot water tank.

vii) Registrar

**University of Manitoba Open House** Thursday, February 23, 2017. Open House 2017 is the largest recruitment event of the year and is expected to draw almost 3,000 high school students, parents, and teachers to the Fort Garry campus. The new, single day Open House replaces Info Days, which was the two-day open house event that you may be familiar with from past years. A daytime program, focused on visiting school groups, will be held from 9:00am – 2:00pm on Thursday, February 23rd. Participating units are encouraged to staff a booth in our centralized Information Village and host presentations or sample classes for visiting school groups. A new evening Parents Program, focused on visiting students and parents, will be held from 6:00pm – 8:00pm that same day.

**Brandon Career Symposium**, to be held March 6-8, 2017

viii) Senior Stick

7. **Other Business**

None

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
L. Roberts / D. Watt
CARRIED

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