ST JOHN’S COLLEGE COUNCIL
MINUTES
For the Meeting of Wednesday January 28, 2009

Regrets: G. Baldwin, P. Cloutier, D. Draper (student), J. McConnell, J. Ripley

1. Opening Prayer
   P. Lampman opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated
   P. Penner/L. Roberts
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the Wednesday, November 26, 2008 minutes (attachment 1 to the agenda)
   - On page 2, in the development Committee report, in the second last line, remove “or more” and place it at the end of the line above it so it reads “…donors of $25,000 “or more” and donors of less than $25,000. In the last line change “from” to “form”.
   - On page 2, under the Dean of Theology report, change the word “Studies” to Theology
   MOTION: That the Minutes of November 26, 2008 be approved as corrected.
   B. Pope/L. Carson
   CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   There wasn’t any business arising from the minutes.

5. New Business
   a) Budget Parameters
      MOTION: That the annual operating budget, including the first payment to the University of Manitoba for the residence repairs, be balanced.
      J. Hoskins on behalf of Council Executive
      CARRIED

   b) Timing of Development Officer Appointment
      At the October 1, 2008 Council meeting, it was reported that “it is hoped that a search would be concluded in time for an appointment to be made at the May 27, 2009 Council meeting. The start date would be July 1, 2009.” At that same meeting, the appointment of M. Kolodie was extended to June 30, 2009.

      J. Hoskins was concerned that if we offer someone the position at the end of May, it is a bit long until the start date. Since M. Kolodie’s appointment is until June 30, it might be better to make the offer in mid-June and have the person begin July 6, 2009. After some discussion, Council Executive made the following motion to council would delegate appointing the Development Officer to Council Executive in order to accommodate the timing of this appointment.

      MOTION: That Council delegates to its Executive, the July 1, 2009 appointment of the Development Officer.
      J. Hoskins on behalf of Council Executive
      CARRIED

   c) Residence Washroom Renovation (attachment 2 to the agenda)
      The following was circulated as attachment 2 to the agenda:

      To date, the College has received two quotes on the Residence washroom upgrade project:
      Nova-Con Projects Ltd.  $143,767.14 (plus GST)
      Dominion Construction  $177,498.00 (plus GST)
These quotes are for all three floors.

Dominion Construction has broken their quote down into one floor of washroom upgrades - $73,100.00 (plus GST)

We are still waiting for a quote from a third contractor, and are also waiting for Nova-Con to break down their quote for just one floor.

We currently have $71,835 available for the project.

**MOTION 6** That the Warden be authorized to award the contract to renovate the residence washrooms on one floor, provided that the contract goes to the lowest bid and the cost is within the funds available for this project.

R. Thomas on behalf of Council Executive

[See motions 2 and 3 below]

**MOTION 2** That above motion be amended by replacing the word “lowest” with “optimum”.

L. Roberts/D. Phillips

CARRIED

**MOTION 3** That we approve the revised substantive motion “That the Warden be authorized to award the contract to renovate the residence washrooms on one floor, provided that the contract goes to the optimum bid and the cost is within the funds available for this project.”

R. Thomas on behalf of Council Executive

CARRIED

d) Honorary Degree Nominations – Closed Session

**MOTION:** That we moved into closed session.

J. Hoskins/S. Alward

CARRIED

**MOTION:** That we moved out of closed session.

J. Hoskins/S. Alward

CARRIED

During closed session, the following motions were approved:

**MOTION 3** That we confer upon Étienne Gaboury the honorary degree Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa), at the 2009 convocation.

R. Thomas/J. Hoskins

CARRIED

**MOTION 4** That we confer upon Roy Miki the honorary degree Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa), at the 2009 convocation.

R. Thomas/J. Hoskins

CARRIED

**MOTION 5** That we confer upon Menno Wiebe the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa), at the 2009 convocation.

R. Thomas/J. Hoskins

CARRIED

Reminder: These are to be kept confidential until the announcement is made public after the nominees have been notified.

e) Development Committee Membership Nominations

At the last meeting it was reported that F. Carroll resigned from the Development Committee. G. Friesen was elected to fill the Fellow representative vacancy.

**MOTION:** That Gerald Friesen be appointed to the Development Committee as a Fellow Representative for a two and a half year term ending June 30, 2011.

L. Carson/B. Pope

CARRIED

6. Reports
   a) Reports from Committees
      i) Council Executive Director
         B. Beare reported that Council Executive met and discussed the items that appeared on the agenda for today’s meeting.
b) **Report from Assembly**

R. Thomas reported that at its meeting on January 21, 2009, the College Assembly:

- Approved a residence rate increase of 3.9% for the 2009-2010 academic year. He noted that although some students abstained, none voted against the motion.

- Approved the proposed 2009 - 2014 exchange agreement between St John's College and Jane Franklin Hall in Tasmania, Australia, and authorized the Warden to sign the agreement;

- Assembly Executive reported that the Warden and Dean of Studies have met with David Carr regarding the SJCU of M Press Tenancy Agreement, which is up for renewal. Both the College and the Press would like to renew the agreement;

c) **Report from College Officers & Student Council**

i) **Warden**

J. Hoskins reported that the Inter-College Council met. This committee is supposed to meet twice a year and is composed of the College Warden, the U of M President and the Rector of St Paul's College.

**M. Ward Lecture**

Although the Dean of Studies sent regrets to this meeting, he did have the secretary circulate his report. J. Hoskins wanted to highlight from his report, the 26th annual Majorie Ward Lecture which will take place on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at which, the award-winning film-maker Guy Maddin will speak. For more information on the lecture, please see the Dean of Studies report.

ii) **Dean of Theology**

J. Stafford circulated the following written report at the meeting:

The Faculty continues its work of teaching in the Diploma program. We have 2 students completing their program in 2nd year and 3 first year students in both full and part-time studies, and 6 special students.

Two first year Diploma program students have had to extend the duration of their program for various personal reasons.

At this time, consideration is being given to no first year intake for the 2009/10 Diploma. This has not yet been brought to Faculty Council. The current economic climate, as well as very unpredictable enrolment numbers make this question necessary. Potential cost savings would be realised through reductions in sessional instructors. We would also maintain a mandatory commitment to 2nd year students, and offer a reduced number of first year courses on a single course basis which would lessen the academic load for a new 2010/11 intake. The Advanced Certificate will not be offered in 2009/10.

The Faculty continues to seek out and develop new and existing collaborative relationships with other institutions and potential partners in theological education. These include, Providence College and Seminary, the Centre for Christian Studies (CCS), St. Paul's College, ELCIC, and the Winnipeg Theological Cooperative (WTC). Not least is our participation in local ministry educational initiatives in the Diocese of Rupert's Land where discussions around training for ministry leadership, the diaconate, and Total Ministry continue.

The Dean of Theology is also active in the academic community; two papers are being prepared for journal submission, the Currents 2007 Proceedings are complete, a *festschrift* is under way for a desired publication this year (Dean is editing), and two papers will be presented at the Richard Hooker Studies Group in Toronto (October), and the Society for Biblical Literature in New Orleans, (late November). Finally, we had the pleasure of seeing Prof. Francis Carroll's four Sumerian tablets (economic texts from Umma ca. 2034 BC = time of Abraham!) published in *Antiguo Oriente* by Dr. John Nielsen presently at Loyola University, New Orleans. It was a treat to have a tiny part in that!

iii) **Bursar**

J. Froese submitted the following written report for the minutes:
College Food Services
Following the last Council meeting, we learned that St John's was indeed awarded the contract to provide café services at the Freshwater Institute building on campus. A gradual rollout of services began on January 12th, and we implemented our full menu on the 19th. So far the response has been good, and sales seem to be increasing as people in the building and surrounding area hear about our new service. We are anticipating sales will be approximately 50% of what we are realizing in the Daily Bread Café ($112,250).

Operations at St Andrews are also going very well, and they are very pleased with the service they are receiving.

Walkway
The new railing for the walkway between the Chapel and Residence has been fabricated, and is awaiting powder coat and paint. Physical Plant estimates they will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Student Carrels
As a result of the upcoming network cabling project that is due to begin in February, a voice data room will be required. As a result, room 110 (formerly the student lounge) will be decreased in size by an area of approximately 6'x12'. When the decision was made to locate the voice data room in 110, we agreed to assist the students in purchasing some new student carrels to compensate them for their lost space. We have ordered 24 new carrels for them, and hope to have them installed following the academic term.

Budgets
Budget preparation for 09-10 is underway. We have received first drafts back from department heads and will now begin the process of detailed salary calculations and other adjustments to ensure we remain within the budget parameters given to us.

iv) Acting Dean of Studies
G. Baldwin sent regrets to the meeting. He asked the secretary to circulate the following written report in his absence:

Since the last report to Council in September 2008, the following activities have taken place:

Soup and Bread Lectures
• On September 29, Rody Gorman, Poet-in-Residence, Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture at the University of Manitoba, gave a talk entitled: "A reading from my work". About 12 Fellows attended.

• On October 29, Kent Fowler, spoke on: "Why come so far to learn how women make pottery? The 2008 Season of the Nguni Ceramics and Society Project, South Africa"

Events hosted in the College
Each term a number of events are hosted in the College, organized by College Fellows, but sponsored by other organizations. These have included:

• Readings by Dr. Edward Chamberlin and Lorna Goodison, organized by Dr. Warren Cariou and the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture, on 3 November in the Cross Common Room.

"Conversations in Women's History - An Afternoon in Honour of Mary Kinnear" on Friday, 14 November, 2008 in the Cross Common Room. The keynote address was "Forgotten Firsts: Female Politicians in the Atlantic Provinces in the Twentieth Century" by Margaret Conrad, University of New Brunswick. The afternoon included a talk by Ryan Eyford, and a round table discussion "Speaking of Women". A reception followed.

• A talk, "Melodrama: psychology of affect", by Dr. Ben Singer, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on 14 November in the Quiet Room Gallery, followed by a reception. The talk, organized by Dr. Struan Sinclair for the Research Group into Cognitive and Affect, attracted an audience of about 35.
Social Functions:
• The first dining-in, a celebration of Prairie Local Foods, was held on October 17 in the Cross Common Room. The menu was designed to showcase local foods in a ‘100-Mile Diet Theme’. About 40 College Fellows and guests enjoyed the food and musical entertainment provided by The Abigails.

• The end-of-term reception for Fellows and Staff was held in the Faculty Lounge on Wednesday, 5 December at 3:30 p.m.; about 25 attended. As usual, the food from our own Food Services was excellent.

• The second annual College Family Christmas Party, started last year by Dean Chris Trott, was held on Saturday, 8 December at 2:00 p.m. in Cross Common Room, enjoyed by 10 College families. Only the Lampman and Thomas families braved the cold and tobogganed. Games in the Common Room and cookies and hot chocolate in the Daily Bread Café around the Christmas tree were enjoyed by all. The gifts presented by St Nicholas to the children were donated. My thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the party, and special thanks to Robert Thomas who stood in as St Nicholas, to Caleb Holden, the short(?) elf-assistant, and to the anonymous donor of the gifts.

• The annual Robert Burns dinner in the College was held on Friday, 23 January. About 40 Fellows and guests attended this gastronomic feast of Scottish delicacies (and drinks) prepared by our own Food Services. Of course, no Burns dinner would be complete without the Toasts – to the Haggis, to the Immortal Laird, and to the Ladies. Song and laughter completed the evening.

Upcoming Events:
Award-winning film-maker Guy Maddin will speak at St John’s College 25th annual Marjorie Ward Lecture on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The free lecture, entitled “Stripper Ghosts and Sofa Traumas: The Theft of Infancy’s Lucent Promise” will be held in the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre. Guy Maddin was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His filmic output to date – nine feature-length projects and innumerous shorts – is a remarkable canon of fantasies. His first feature, Tales from the Gimli Hospital (1988) became a midnight movie classic. His second, Archangel (1990), won the U.S. National Film Critics Award for Best Experimental Film. Since then he has won many awards, including the Telluride Silver Medal for Life Achievement (1995), the San Francisco International Film Festival’s prestigious Persistence of Vision award (2006) – and created dozens of beguiling films in his own unique style. These include such celebrated features as The Saddest Music in the World (2003), Brand Upon the Brain! (2006) and My Winnipeg (2007), recently named by the Toronto Film Critics Association as the Best Canadian Feature of 2008. Maddin is also a writer and teacher, occupying the position of Distinguished Film-maker in Residence at the University of Manitoba.

v) Chaplain/Dean of Residence
P. Lampman reported that there is one vacancy in residence right now. New couches have been ordered to furnish the large T.V. room in the residence. He also expressed thanks to the residence students for their patience during the repairs made to the residence over the first term.

vi) Development Officer
M. Kolodie submitted the following written report for the minutes:

Staffing
We have hired Tom Suffield to work in the Development Office. This is a term position that will end March 31, 2009. He is adding approximately 300 student names, addresses & other information from the nominal roll onto our database. In addition, he will search for “lost” alumni, update various kinds of information on the database and call some of alumni/friends in relation to this.

Lecture Theatre Donor Wall
Jarett Mykowi is working on a project of verifying the names of Capital Campaign donors that will appear on the donor wall in the Galleria outside of the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre. This is very labour intensive and involves comparing 1336 names on our database with the information from the UM database, and then with actual donation forms, for any inconsistencies. Once this is
completed letters will be sent to each donor, to ensure, once again, that the information we have is correct.

**Staff Development**
I attended a very informative workshop on December 12, 2008 dealing with bequests of wills, life insurance, as well as stewardship of the donors.

**Annual solicitation**
Our phone centre operated for part of October and all of November. Many of our regular donors have told us that due to the downturn in the economy, they either cannot donate, or have reduced the amount normally given. The good news is that we have picked up 29 new donors.

Total donations received April 1, 2008 – January 20, 2009 total $335,116. This number will increase for the time period stated, as we have not received our donation report from University Development & Advancement Services for December 2008. For the same period in the previous fiscal year (April 1, 2007 – January 20, 2008) the total donations were $321,635, so right now we are up $13,481 or 4.2%, plus whatever comes in the UM reports for December up to January 20, 2009. Though our numbers for this time period are up from the last fiscal year, I do not expect that this trend will continue.

A separate solicitation by Prof Anthony Waterman, for the Chaplaincy endowment, was sent to a specific group of people (57) in November 2008. Since that mailing we have received $862 in donations, and two pledges of $3000 each. We will also be receiving a $1000 stock gift through the U of M.

**Other**
On February 11, I will be attending a session on: Strategies for Weathering the Economic Storm. Janet and I are planning to attend a University Alumni event in Toronto in April.
The Development Office will be applying for a grant to hire a student for the summer.

vii) **Registrar**
E. Palamar reported that she and the Chaplain & Dean of Residence, P. Lampman will be recruiting at the U of M's Info Days for two days in February and at the Brandon Career Symposium for three days in March.

viii) **Senior Stick**
In the absence of the Senior Stick, E. Palamar informed council members the student organized graduation dinner will be held at Bergmann’s on Lombard on Saturday April 4, 2009. Cocktails will be at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Formal invitations will be mailed out in a few weeks.

7. **Any Other Business**
There wasn't any other business.

8. **Adjournment**
**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned.
S. Alward/P. Penner

CARRIED

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