ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes

For the Meeting of January 28, 2015

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


Regrets: H. Enns, B. Cantelo, J. Markstrom, J. Bouchard, H. Richardson

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 amendment, that 5d) be moved to 5a)
   C. Trott / J. McConnell
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the December 3, 2014 Minutes
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on December 3, 2014 be approved as distributed.
   J. Ripley / B. Pope

4. Business arising from the Minutes
   None

5. New Business
   a) Memorandum of Understanding with the NRCTRC - The Warden introduced the Memorandum of Understanding. J. Ripley then discussed some of the current concerns regarding the legal structure of the agreement, including the financial obligations of the College and the definition of partnership and liabilities involved. J. Ripley is proposing that we amend the agreement and send it back to the NRC. J. Dean referred to a broader Memorandum of Understanding through the U of M Legal department. The Warden will propose that Memorandum if the amended Memorandum is rejected.
   MOTION: That Council approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the National Research Council for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with the University subject to final approval as to form and content by the warden in consultation with legal council.
   B. Pope / J. McConnell
   CARRIED
b) Budget summary - The Bursar presented the budget summary for information. We are currently ahead of where we were at this time last year.

c) Set the budget parameters for the upcoming fiscal year -
   MOTION: That the College strike a balanced budget excluding Theology and the Capital Campaign.
   C. Trott / l. Froese
   CARRIED

d) Update on the progress of the Commission on Theological Education - The Warden updated that he had spoken with the Chair of the Commission on Theological Education. They are working on the report, much of it has been written. They Commission has asked to report to us at our March meeting.

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
   a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
      Exec. Met on Jan. 13 to set the agenda for today’s meeting.

   b) Report from Assembly
      Met Jan. 20 to review the Budget summary, working on the Honorary Degree nominations and a Fellows Recognition Award for Convocation.

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

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Council
January 2015

Since the October Assembly meeting was cancelled, this report covers all of the activities during the Fall Term. My impression was that I had an extremely busy Fall but much of that comes from three trips: a) to the University of West Texas in Lubbock, Texas to give a lecture on Inuit Art, October 2 to 4, b) to the Inuit Studies Conference in Quebec City on October 29 to 31, and c) to Durham, England for the Collegiate Way Conference November 17 to 26.

The Fall Term also included our annual Convocation at the College. We awarded honorary degrees to the Venerable Douglas Fenton and Justice Thomas Berger. Unfortunately Justice Berger fell ill just before Convocation and was unable to attend. Many thank to our staff for managing the last minute change of plans. I was pleased with the significant turnout of students at our Convocation although we do need to work on attendance by the Fellows.

As the College supported the University application to locate the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation here, we are de facto a “Founding Partner”. I have been representing the College at the monthly partner meetings. I am also a member of the “Allies Group” for Indigenous Achievement.

Thanks to the initiative of our Chaplain, Allison Chubb, we restarted the “Bible and Breakfast” series in collaboration with St Peter’s Church. Dr. Lisa Wray Beal gave our two fall programs. About 20 people attended the two events. I was present at both and led Morning Prayer.
Other activities include:

1) Participating in a number of Homecoming events including: the Indigenous Achievement Luncheon, the Native Studies Department 40th anniversary, the Isbister Luncheon, Arts Celebrating Arts, Homecoming Dinner
2) Presided over College Matriculation
3) Attended the Saul Kanee lunch and lecture (by Justice Murray Sinclair) at St Pauls' College
4) Met with the planning groups for Visionary (Re)generation and the landscaping of the North Precinct
5) Participated in the Scion interviews concerning residence needs
6) Attended Diocesan Synod
7) Represented the College at the University Fall Convocation where Chantal Hebert received an honorary degree
8) Sat on a Faculty of Arts Promotion Committee
9) Attended the Blessing of the new facility for the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
10) Chaired a doctoral defence
11) Attended the Bishop's dinner
12) Met with the Multi-faith Chaplaincy advisor
13) Attended the Athena Leadership Awards presentation with Acqueline
14) Presided over the SJC Family Christmas Party
15) Attended the residence Christmas Banquet
16) Attended the Senior Executive Retreat
17) Led a workshop on Inuit perceptions of climate change at Fort Whyte

I continue to represent the College at Senate, Arts Faculty Council, Provost's Council, Diocesan Council, External Relations Deans' Meetings, and the Instructional Space Management Advisory Committee. For my sins I am the acting Chair of the University of Manitoba Press Board.

ii) Dean of Studies

Winter 2015 promises to be a busy time at the College.

Personnel changes
Congratulations to Visiting Fellow Joseph Wiebe who has now accepted a position at the University of Alberta, Augustana, and we welcome Dr. Murray Evans from the English Department at the University of Winnipeg who will be a Visiting Fellow this term at St. John's. As well, our long time Librarian, Jim Blanchard, has recently retired and a party was held in his honor on January 14th at Dafoe Library. We appreciate the many years of service that Jim gave to the College Library and wish him a long and contented retirement.

Upcoming Lectures:
Soup and Bread Lectures and Brown Bag Lunches are key events at St. John's and this term we are pleased to have Junior Fellow, Jade Weimer coordinating the Soup and Bread series and Retired Fellow, Rod Clifton organizing our Brown Bag series.
Soup and Bread Lectures, January to March 201
Wednesday, January 28 – Lisa Alexandrin – “Images of the Prophet Mohammad: Historical Considerations.”
Tuesday, February 3 – Erin Million, “Exploring Emotion, Empire, and Material Culture in Metis Children’s Letters from School, 1850s and 1860s”
Wednesday, March 4 – Dr. Murray Evans, “Coleridge’s Sublime and Julia Kristeva’s ‘This Incredible Need to Believe’”
Tuesday, March 10 – Anthony Waterman, “TBA”

Brown Bag Lectures:
Tuesday, February 24 – The Rev’d Jamie Howison, “Jazz as Resilient Lament: Coltrane Speaks the Blues”

Special Lunch Lecture:
Wednesday, March 18 – Dovie Thomason, “TBA”

Thursday, February 26, 2015. Marjorie Ward Lecture. We are pleased to announce that Andre Lewis, Artistic Director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, has agreed to be our 31st Marjorie Ward Lecturer. The evening will begin with a dinner in honor of Mr. Lewis from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and is open to all College members and their guests. Mr. Lewis will deliver his lecture in the Schultz Theatre from 7:30-8:45 p.m. and a public reception will follow in the Galleria. Advertising for the dinner and lecture will be going out shortly, but in the meantime, please save the date. The Ward Lecture is our premiere event of the year and we need your help to make it a success.

Student Art Competition: The art committee is hard at work organizing 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.

Brenda Cantelo

Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
28th January, 2015

Fundraising
- Gifts received since April as at today = $116,303. This is down slightly over this time last year.
- The Fall Campaign is now trickling in with over $22,000 raised and an overall response rate of close to 4.5%. Similar to last year.
Looking at a couple of foundation opportunities.

Alumni/Stewardship

- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Several trips are planned: 18th – 23rd February – Vancouver/Victoria; 3rd-9th March –
  Toronto/Peterborough/Kingston/Ottawa
- Several individuals advised they have made a bequest to the College.

Special Events

- Lunch and Lively Conversation will be held on the 17th February.
- Curry Cook-Off event will be held this year on the 20th March.
- Bach’s Birthday – A Tribute to Retired Fellows will be held towards the end of March and will
  feature a concert in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Cross Common Room.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: We have the beginnings of a committee to work on events.

Marketing/Communications

- In Lumine is being mailed – a larger issue than usual issue.
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing

- Applying for a summer student.
- Currently have one volunteer coming in on a semi-regular basis.

Misc

- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.

iv) Dean of Residence

Residence Projects
At the moment we have no major projects in the residence right now. We recently switched around a few of the
common areas to utilize the space better and replaced the pool table. We also turned a common room that wasn’t
used into a dons office so they have more privacy as well as it gives them a safe space to meet with students.

Regular Semester
We are currently at capacity with a small waitlist of mostly ICM students. We had 4 students leave us in the fall due
to dropping out of school or moving to different living accommodations. We have since filled the rooms with new
applicants. IEP has 23 rooms contracted with us and we are starting to make plans for the summer session.

Residence Activity
With the decrease in IEP numbers we have more students who are here for the full 8 month school year. This has led
to a stronger community and our events have had larger turnouts. I’m hoping that this will have a positive impact on
our recruiting efforts for September 2015. We are working closely with the residence student council to streamline
our programming efforts.
v) Chaplain

Chaplain's January Report to Council and Assembly, 2015

- Bible & Breakfast continues this month with John Stafford on the 31st and Jane Barter Moulaison (U of W) coming in mid March
- I hosted an alcohol awareness event for student leaders on Jan 9 with the Addictions Foundation of MB. It was poorly attended and poorly presented. I hosted a mental health movie night and discussion with our counselling intern and no one showed.
- I have ordered a portable canvas labyrinth through a special donation to chaplaincy programming. It will be used for a presentation with the Grad Students Association on Spiritual Wellness as well as in facilitation of meditation and aiding in exam stress. We may also be able to rent it out.
- Weekly meditation starts again next week. An occasional student attends.
- Our counselling intern continues to meet a few students a week.
- I will host student council this week for
- I'm planning a volunteer day at Agape Table for Louis Riel day, along with the Social Chair on student counsel
- Eucharist continues the second Wednesday of the month, with midday prayer on all other Wednesdays
- Lessons & Carols was a lovely service in December, with about 50 in attendance, including the choir
- We did not host international students in Canadian homes over the break this Christmas because no one was interested; there were fewer international students in residence than last year
- A couple of new initiatives are being attempted this semester in order to build community beyond my office: connecting with the children of clergy (we have about ten) and building relationships with our large Nigerian community of students
- I continue to work with Justin to provide programming and mentoring in the residence
- I have begun working with Chris Trott to address the future of chaplaincy in the university as a whole, working with some of the changes coming into effect

vi) Bursar

Bursar's report to Assembly Jan 20, 2015

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.

The Warden and I met with physical plant regarding the landscape architectural drawings for the college campus. Phase one will be the shared space between us and St Paul’s, with the rest to follow. Obviously subject to funding through the university.
Plans to replace the flooring in the galleria are underway, with the hope that the work will be done over the February reading week.

After a busy summer in food services and the residence, the 2014-15 budget is progressing and on track. Our residence is full, and food services has been busy and meeting budgeted targets. 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

Events:
Matriculation was held on Sunday, September 21. 5 new Fellows and 25 students signed the College book. Thank you to all who participated, and helped with the planning and organizing.
Evening of Excellence was held on Tuesday, October 28.
Convocation was held on Sunday, November 2. Our benches were overflowing with grads and award winners. Thank you to all who participated, and helped with the planning and organizing.

Upcoming:
Info Days – February 18 & 19

viii) Senior Stick
Had a social in support of Rossbrook House on Friday, January 23, 2015, raised $563.00. The next activity is Laser Tag at Lasertopia, bowing in March, and then the Grad dinner.

7. Other Business
None

8. Adjournment
P. Brass / J. Ripley
CARRIED

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

Chair  Secretary  Date