Present: B. Beare (Chair), M. Sawatzky, A. Braid, S. Close, D. Brydon, J. Markstrom, S. Fisher, I. Froese, C. Trott, J. James, B. Pope, B. Regehr, S. Blaikie, J. Ripley, S. Peters (Secretary), D. Phillips

Regrets: E. Jones, J. Dean, H. Enns, P. Brass, H. Richardson, J. McConnell

1. Opening Prayer
S. Blaikie opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda of the meeting be approved with the following amendments: a) under Business Arising from the minutes The Warden will present an update on the Memorandum of Understanding; b) Annual report will be held over until the meeting in May; c) The Scion Report on Housing to be added.
B. Pope/S. Fisher
CARRIED

3. Approval of the January 28, 2015 Minutes
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2015 be approved as distributed.
B. Regehr / J. Ripley
CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
a) The Warden updated Council on the Memorandum of Understanding as discussed at the Council meeting in January. J. Ripley diligently prepared amendments as discussed and the revised document has been given to the Research Centre. There are several other institutions which have come back with the same revisions to the National Research Centre.

5. New Business
a) Report from the Commission on Theological Education – Kirsten Pinto Gfroerer presented the draft of the report to Council. The prime recommendation is that St John's College and the Diocese will work together to promote dialogue with the church and the University. Another recommendation is that the College end the suspension of the Theology program.
MOTION: That College Council receive the report and hat Council send the report to the Fellows and other interested parties for feedback.
C. Trott / B. Pope
CARRIED
MOTION: That Council extend their thanks to the Commission for their hard work on researching and preparing the report.
CARRIED Unanimously

b) Honorary Degree Nominations
MOTION: That Council move into closed session
C. Trott/J. James
CARRIED
MOTION: That Council move out of closed session
C. Trott/J. James
CARRIED
In closed session it was agreed to present Ms. Shirley Anne Smith with the Honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa), and Bishop Mark MacDonald be presented with the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) at the November 2015 convocation.

c) Appoint or re-appoint a Chair
MOTION: That B. Beare be re-appointed as Chair of Council
J. McConnell / S. Blaikie
CARRIED

d) Receive budget from Assembly – The Bursar presented a summary of the budget for information only.
MOTION: That Council receive the budget from Assembly.
A. Braid/C. Trott
CARRIED

e) Update on Strategic Planning – The Bursar presented that the College has engaged the services of Rhonda Lorche to facilitate the Strategic Planning process.

f) Scion Report on Housing – The University commissioned the Scion group to study the need for student housing. It was noted that there is a significant number of beds needed. The University does not intend to build much more student housing in the near future. We will get a statement from the University stating that they are not interested in building more housing that we can take to potential donors should we go to them asking for donations towards a new residence.

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 the meeting.
Finance & Admin met and recommended to Assembly an increase in Residence rates and the approval of the budget.

b) Report from Assembly
Assembly approved the budget, the honorary degree recipients, and set the residence rates for the 2015-2016 academic year.

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

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Council
March 25, 2015

It seems that the term has flown by. My most notable activities since the last Council have been trips to visit Alumni and Donors in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo (February 18 to 23) and then a second trip to Toronto, Peterborough and Ottawa (March 4 to 9). We had the honour of presenting The Hon. Thomas Berger with the Doctor of Canon Law degree that had been conferred at Convocation in the fall. It is always a great pleasure to meet with our Alumni and hear their reminiscences of their time at the College. One of the things that continue to amaze me is the number of Alumni who recall how the College went out of its way to do something different for them so that they could achieve their goals. It is something we can be proud of. While the groups of Alumni we meet are small, they are incredibly enthusiastic and eager to hear the news of the College.

My other activities in this time period include:
1) Participating in a SSHRC Partnership Grant review.
2) Attending the Theology Reading Group (January 26).
3) Participating in the 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting
4) Attending Bible and Breakfast (January 31)
5) Attending a meeting with the University of Winnipeg and members of the cooperative on
   revisioning the M.Div. program at the U of W (February 2).
6) Continuing to work with the Theological Education Commission as they prepared their final
   report.
7) Attended the Decolonizing the University workshop (February 6)
8) Joining the Children Rising Mentorship students for lunch on February 7.
9) Participating in the discussions on restructuring University Chaplaincy services (February 10)
10) Met with representatives of Indigenous Theological training organizations and the Theological
    Education Commission.
11) Gave a tour of the College to the Faith Lutheran Church confirmation class (February 28).

March 25, 2015

Report to Council: Dean of Studies
Our Winter schedule is well under way and it is a busy time around the college.

Upcoming Lectures:
We are about mid-way through our scheduled Soup and Bread Lectures and Brown Bag Lunches at St. John's and everything is going smoothly thanks to Junior Fellow, Jade Weimer who is coordinating the
Soup and Bread series and Retired Fellow, Rod Clifton who is organizing our Brown Bag series.

Soup and Bread Lectures: January to March 2015
Wednesday, January 28th. Lisa Alexandrin "Images of the Prophet Muhammad: Historical
Considerations"

Tuesday, February 3rd Erin Millions, "Exploring Emotion, Empire, and Material Culture in Metis
Children's Letters from School, 1850s and 1860s"

Wednesday, March 4th Murray Evans, "Coleridge's Subline and Julia Kristeva's 'This Incredible Need
to Believe"

Tuesday, March 10th Anthony Waterman, "What do we mean by 'genius?' The example of Paul
Samuelson."

Wednesday, March 11th Jade Weimer, "Teaching Religion in Academia"

Brown Bag Lunch Lectures: January to April, 2015
Tuesday, February 24--The Rev'd Jamie Howison, "Jazz as Resilient Lament: Coltrane Speaks the
Blues"
Wednesday, March 25 – The Rev'd Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison, "The Doctrine of Humanity in Christian
Thought"
Tuesday, March 17--The Right Rev. Linda Nicholls, "Can Anglicans talk to others or do they need to
talk to themselves first? The Right Rev. Linda Nicholls is Suffragan Bishop in the diocese of Toronto
and will be visiting SJC.
"Wednesday, March 18 – Dovie Thomason, "TBA". This special wine and cheese event will be held in
the SCR from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our 31st Annual Marjorie Ward Lecture a complete success. Andre Lewis, Artistic Director to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, spoke about the history of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and his own career path from student, to international performer to celebrated artistic director in his presentation, “Reaching Your Potential.” We had an audience of approximately sixty people, so that was a good turnout. College Fellows and invited guests joined Mr. Lewis before the lecture for a gourmet dinner in the Cross Common Room and audience members were invited to a post-lecture reception in the Galleria. The food at both events was superb and we thank Ian Park and his staff from Food Services for doing such a fine job. Many other people worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success and we thank Amy Craddock, Jackie Markstrom, Jill Stafford and Elnora Wiebe for their efforts. In particular, Diana DeFoort should be recognized for her organizational skills and attention to detail. She helped to keep the whole project moving forward. Finally, thank you to all who were able to attend the Lecture.

**Student Art Competition:** The art committee, consisting of Susie Fisher, Susan Close, Heather Graham, Elizabeth Alexandrin, Krista Barclay and Ian Park, is hard at work organizing our 2015 St. John’s College Student Art Competition. The judging took place on Thursday, March 5th and we wish to thank our three judges: Susan Close, Acey Rowe and Liv Valmestad for their expertise. The artwork will be on display in the Daily Bread Café from Sunday, March 8th until Sunday, March 29th so please drop by and check out the submissions. The results of the competition will be announced on Thursday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Daily Bread cafe at the reception catered by Ian Park’s Food Services. We thank all committee members for their efforts and a special thank you to Diana for assisting with advertising and to Ian for displaying the art and hosting the reception for us. Mark the 26th on your agenda.

**Saturday, March 21, 2015. St. John’s College Grads’ Farewell Dinner and Dance.** The St. John’s College Students’ Association is holding their Grad Farewell Dinner and Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard on March 21st. The evening will feature a dinner at 6:30 which is followed by the Valedictory Address, the Changing of the Sticks and the Presentation of the Fellow of the Year Award. Our St. John’s College students put a great deal of effort into the evening and we wish them every success with the Grad and with their future plans.

**End of term reception: Wednesday, April 8th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Please join us on April 8th for our end of term reception good food and good conversation.

Brenda Cantelo

i) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
March, 2015

**Fundraising**

- Currently sitting at just over $150,000 raised.
- The Fall Campaign breakdown: Overall response rate of 5.2% (last year 4.4%) total raised $26,111 (last year $26,784). Response rate was higher than last year but dollars raised slightly lower.
- We have a grant application with Cropo Foundation to cover the cost of the Chapel light bulbs.

**Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Chris and I visited with alum and donors in Vancouver/Victoria from the 19th-22nd February and Toronto/Peterborough/Ottawa from the 3rd to 8th March.
Special Events
- The last "Lunch and Lively Conversation" was very well received by Alumni/donors. The next one is scheduled for April
- Bach’s Birthday – A Tribute to Retired Fellows will be held on 19th March and will feature a concert in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room.
- The Curry Cook-Off is scheduled for 20th March in the Cross Common Room. Tickets are $10 and all proceeds donated to the William Norton Scholarship in Human Geography
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Bernie and I are working on the format.

Marketing/Communications
- The next issue of In Lumine will be out in June/July.
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing
- Currently have one volunteer coming in on a regular basis and one part-time student helping with the database.

Misc
- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Jill and I are holding a planning morning on the 18th March to review the year and start planning Development Office activities for 2015/21016.
- Will be doing a full programme evaluation after the 31st March, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
11th March, 2015

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.

Summer Session
We are currently getting applications for the summer session and we are in talks with IEP for their summer schedule. We are hoping to offer a complete meal plan for our summer guests since there is nothing like it offered on campus right now.

2015-2016 Academic Year
Returning students have until March 31 to get priority registration for residence next year. We have 7 applications so far and I’m expecting around 15 by the end of the month. We have 5 first
year applications now and that number is sure to rise as U of M housing will have a waitlist next month.

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 report to Council, March 2015
This semester has been a full one as some new initiatives have begun, while others continued from last semester or came to an end:

- I hosted student council in my home for a community-building games night, which went well
- Numbers remain low for weekly midday prayer and meditation
- I’ve been hosting a dinner & discussion group each Wednesday evening which has been going well. All- or nearly all- are African students. They are eager to talk about what it means to be minorities in a white, straight, male-dominated church.
- The counselling intern’s schedule is full as we approach the end of semester; I will apply to have another intern in the fall
- I did a two-day workshop on mental health first aid with the counselling department over reading week. I will be doing further chaplaincy training at Victoria Hospital full time for May-July.
- Together with some students, chaplaincy hosted a Nigerian Afrobeats band at the beginning of March as a way to celebrate our African students and draw them into the community. It went very well, as students of all backgrounds- including Nigerian Muslim northerners and Christian southerners- danced together in the galleria. These included several of Ian’s staff, who hope we can do more cross-cultural celebration again next year. This concert was made possible by a special grant from St. benedict’s table.
- We have a grad student from Pakistan whose funding has been cut and who is now without a place to live. If you have any ideas for where he could stay even short term, please let me know.
- The final Bible & Breakfast of the year is March 14 with Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison, religion chair at the U of W. She will be speaking about the book of Romans and the first century philosophers.
- We’re hosting our annual “Journey into Holy Week” service on March 29 at 3pm in the chapel with the Friends of the College choir. It will be a meditative choral service of light, much the same as last year.
- During exams, I’m planning to have the labyrinth out and available for use in the quiet room, so students can have a place to quiet themselves. This will include instructions for use.
- We’ll end the year with an Easter celebration at my home for the students who participated in our discussion group

vi) Bursar

Bursar’s report to Council, March 25th, 2015

The flooring project for the Galleria is scheduled to begin March 18th, and take approximately 5-7 days to complete. All of the work will be performed in the evening to minimize the disruption.
The Assistant Bursar & I have been spending most of our recent time preparing the budget, and looking towards the year end. Also, planning for the summer session and projecting our occupancy levels in the residence has been a priority. Our biggest customer, extended education and their international programs are not as popular as they once were, and home stay is a cheaper option compared to residence. As such, our summer numbers may be lower than in previous years. Should this trend continue, the college will have to explore other options so that we can generate enough revenue to keep the residence fully operational in the summer months. Currently the summer is still profitable for us, but we need to monitor demand to ensure that we don’t suddenly find that particular revenue stream disappearing, or get caught off guard.

Administratively, there are two major projects fast approaching: With the resignation of our Dean of Residence, a hiring committee will need to be formed to fill that position. The transition will also require a lot of that work to be filled by myself and other members of the admin staff. Secondly, we will be starting a strategic planning process in April. We’ve sourced a very effective facilitator who will guide the college and its constituent groups through the process. More information for the college community, and how they can be involved, will be sent out soon.

vii) Registrar

No Report

viii) Senior Stick

7. Other Business
MOTION: Congratulations to Bishop Don Phillips on the arrival of his new grandson!!
CARRIED Unanimously

8. Adjournment
MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
J. James / L. Froese
CARRIED

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

Chair
Secretary
Date