ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL

Notes

For the Meeting of May 20, 2015

Meeting at 5:30 pm in Room 108, followed by Thank You Dinner in the Senior Common Room

Present: B. Beare (Chair), D. Brydon, E. Jones, I. Froese, C. Trott, P. Brass, J. Markstrom, A. Braid, B. Cantelo, E. Lee, S. Peters (Secretary), D. Phillips.

1. Opening Prayer
   The Chair opened the meeting with prayer.

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

3. Approval of the March 25, 2015 Minutes
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2015 be approved as distributed.
   A. Braid / D. Brydon
   CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
   None

5. New Business
   a) Motion from the Theological Education Commission re: suspension of the Faculty of Theology – The Commission recommended that we lift the suspension of the Faculty of Theology, which would allow us more freedom to enter into the Council of Theology and accredit any courses we may offer. We will not be appointing a Dean of Theology or starting a Theology Program.
      MOTION: That St John's College Council recommend to Council Executive that Executive lift the suspension of the Faculty of Theology as of June 30, 2015.
      C. Trott / D. Phillips
      CARRIED

   b) Appoint new Dean of Residence – Cailleigh Morrison has been hired as the new Dean of Residence, to start on June 1, 2015.
      MOTION: That Council confirm the appointment of Cailleigh Morrison for an initial 2 year appointment as the Dean of Residence.
      C. Trott / P. Brass
      CARRIED

   c) Re-appoint Chaplain – Allison Chubb’s term comes to an end at the end of June.
      MOTION: That her term be renewed for one more year, to June 30, 2016.
      C. Trott / D. Phillips
      CARRIED

   d) Update on Strategic Planning Process – The Warden noted that the Strategic Planning is in progress. A survey is ready to go out to students, fellows, staff, and alumni over the next few days. Phone interviews will be conducted in a few weeks.
6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
   a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
      Council Executive met on May 5, 2015 to set the agenda for today’s meeting.
      Finance and Admin met last week with the investment managers and discussed
      investment strategies.
   b) Report from Assembly
      Assembly Met on May 12, the main business being to elect new Fellows.

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

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Council
May 20, 2015

On March 11 the University of Manitoba hosed a dinner for Emerging Student Leaders. This
year 14 out of 75 of the students honoured were from St John’s College. The College had not
nominated any of these students; rather their own Faculties nominated them all. As a follow up,
I invited these students to join me for lunch on March 31. I will confess that this was one of the
most fun and lively events that I have hosted since I became Warden. Meeting such fine
students reminds us that all the hard work of the College is ultimately worth it.

The Commission on Theological Education presented its report to both College Council and
Diocesan Council. During March and April the Report has been sent out for comment to those
parties with an interest in the issues. We have received some feedback. Motions to implement
the report will be going to both College and Diocesan Councils at the end of May.

Our Dean of Residence, Justin Bouchard, submitted his resignation and has moved on to a
position in Student Advocacy. I want to thank Justin for all his hard work with the residence
over the past 3 years. This led to the formation of a search committee for a new Dean and we
have successfully engaged Calleigh Morrison. She will be starting on June 1.

We have initiated a Strategic Planning process for the College. I have been working with Lorch
and Associates and our College working group.

Other activities I have been involved in include:

1) March 23: represented the College at the Rev. John Holmen’s funeral
2) March 25: moderator at the Peace and Conflict Studies round table
3) March 26: attended the organizing meeting for the Developing Understanding for Intercultural Ministry course
4) March 29: attended the Journey in Holy Week service in the Chapel
5) April 7: attended the opening of the Active Living Centre
6) April 9: attended training session for defibrillator
7) April 14: attended program committee meeting for revised M.Div. program at the University of Winnipeg
8) April 17: represented the College at the Rev. Paul Smith’s funeral
9) April 19: represented the College at the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration
10) April 26: represented the College at St Paul’s College Baccalaureate Mass and Exercises
11) April 26: represented the College at Booth University College Convocation
12) April 27: attended the Lunch and Lively event
13) April 29: attended a planning meeting for the 2015 Faith Horizons
14) May 1: attended the Senior Executive Retreat
15) May 2: represented the College at the Annual Graduation Powwow
16) May 12: attended the Distinguished Alumni Awards evening
17) May 13: attended the major Gift Announcement for the University of Manitoba

ii) Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies: Report to Council, May 20, 2015
We have had an exciting winter and thank you to everyone who helped to make the term a success.

Soup and Bread Lectures: January to March 2015
Jade Weimer was our coordinator for our lecture series this term and did a fine job of scheduling the events, arranging audio-visual needs, introducing our speakers and handling question period. Behind the scenes Diana DeFoort assisted with posters and ordering the food, and Ian Park and members of his Food Services team presented us with a selection of delicious vegetarian soups and tasty breads. Thank you Jade, Diana and Ian and of course, thanks to all of our speakers.

Soup and bread lectures this term included:
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
Once again, Retired Fellow, Rod Clifton, has taken on the responsibility of organizing our Brown Bag series where invited guests give a short lecture in an informal setting. This is an opportunity for members of St. John's to hear from a variety of speakers and to share in good conversation and free desserts. Thank you, Rod, for helping to make this series so engaging.

Brown Bag Lecture Series Winter 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 was visiting SJC.
*Wednesday, March 18 – Dovie Thomason, Winter 2015 Writer/Storyteller in Residence at the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture, spoke on “Turtle Island Stories.” This special wine and cheese event was jointly sponsored by the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture and the College and we thank Warren Cariou for helping to make the event a success.

Andre Lewis spoke about the history of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) and his own career path from student to artistic director in his presentation, “Reaching Your Potential.” We had good audience of approximately sixty people. 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 appreciate the work of Ian Park and his staff from Food Services. Many other people worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success and kudos to 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.

St. John's College Bach's Birthday Recital and Reception, March 19th. The recital is a public concert in tribute to Lawrence Ritchey and in honour of our Retired Fellows and Staff. The recital was held in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist at 2:30 p.m. featuring performances by Andre Washington, cello and Viktoria Grynenko, violin and was followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room. Both events were well attended.

Student Art Competition: Our art committee, consisting of Susie Fisher, Susan Close, Heather Graham, Elizabeth Alexandrin, Krista Barclay and Ian Park organized our 2015 St. John's College Student Art Competition and our three judges were Susan Close, Asey Rowe and Liv Valmestad. The three winners in the 2015 St. John's College Student Art Competition were:
First Place prize of $300. Adele Van Gend, "The Blue Mosque - Istanbul"/"The Hagia Sophia - Istanbul"
Second Place prize of $200.Cailyn Harrison, "Persistence of Time"
Third Place prize of $100. Patrician Eschuk, “Inner Sanctum.”

The artwork was on display in the Daily Bread Café from Sunday, March 8th until Sunday, March 29th and the official results of the competition were 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.

St. John’s College Grads’ Farewell Dinner and Dance. Saturday, March 21, 2015. The St. John’s College Students’ Association held their Grad Farewell Dinner and Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard on March 21st. The evening featured the Valedictory Address, the Changing of the Sticks and the Presentation of the Fellow of the Year Award to Barry Ferguson. Our St. John’s College students put a great deal of effort into the evening and we wish them every success with their future plans.

End of term reception: Tuesday, April 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
End of term barbeque: Thursday, April 9th from 11:30 to 1:30.
Honours and Awards. Since my last report, two College Fellows have received awards.
Barry Ferguson, Professor in History and Duff Robin Professor of Government, was named the 2015 St. John’s College Students’ Association Fellow of the Year for Excellence in Teaching and Research. Congratulations, Barry, on that well deserved award.
Diana Brydon, Distinguished Professor, Director of the Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies and Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, was awarded the 2014 Dr. John W. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award at a ceremony in the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre on April 27, 2015. The ceremony was followed by a lecture by Dr. Brydon entitled, “Canada in the World Today: Insights into the Humanities.” This is a prestigious honour recognizing Dr. Brydon’s outstanding achievements.

Departures from the College: Three Fellows will be leaving the College this year: Krista Barclay (Research Fellow), Amy Scott (Research Fellow) and Murray Evans (Visiting Fellow) and we wish them all the best with their future plans. Several new Fellows will be joining us for the fall and more information will be circulated at a later date.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
May, 2015

Fundraising
- Received a grant of $1,000 to attend a workshop in Regina.
- Received a $5,000 sponsorship for the Health Quest Career Camp.
- Increased annual giving by 6% from 2014 to 2015 fiscal year.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Met with Bob Hawkins in Regina.

Special Events
- The next Lunch and Lively Conversation is scheduled for September and will feature a presentation by Esyllt Jones.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Bernie and I are working on the format.
Marketing/Communications

- The latest issue of In Lumine is being put together
- Annual Report To Donors is almost ready to be mailed
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing

- We have one student coming in over the summer for a couple of mornings a week.

Misc

- Continue to attend UoM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Attended the CAGP conference in Halifax.
- Jill and I attended the Planned Giving in a Day workshop in Regina.
- Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2015/2016.
- Will be doing a full programme evaluation in June

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
11th May, 2015

iv) Dean of Residence

No report

v) Chaplain

vi) Bursar

Bursar's report to Council, May 20th, 2015

The flooring in the Galleria has been replaced, and we are pleased with the results. The laminate flooring will be much easier to maintain and keep clean.

Our audit is schedule for May 26th, and the Assistant Bursar and I are preparing and working on our year end files.

Summer sessions has begun, and we currently have approximately 35 students in the residence, split evenly between IEP students and regular students. Additional groups who are scheduled to stay with us are more international students through IEP, the Northern access group who we have once again raised funds to support, and a Nigerian group who will be attending the World Cup FIFA event. Currently it appears as though we will be adequately busy for the summer, but we are still looking for more opportunities.

Our new Dean of Residence, Calleigh Morrison, was here for the first week of May, orienting herself to the College and getting a feel for the residence. We were very pleased with how
engaged she was, and the initiative she took. We’re looking forward to having her back June 1st for her official start date. She will be living in the residence for the summer while she looks for more permanent housing.

The strategic planning committee met, where we continued to fine tune the survey questions so as to solicit the most valuable and relevant information we can, in an efficient manner.

vii) Registrar

Registrar’s Report to Council
May 20, 2015

Upcoming:
HeadStart – June 6. This is formerly known as the Parent’s Program, in which students and their parents are invited onto campus for an orientation to the campus, registration, and the services and facilities available. This is always a good recruitment opportunity to attract students to the College, and especially Jumpstart.

Jumpstart – Dates TBA. Our annual new student orientation, planned by our Students’ Association. As we did last year, we will be holding our orientation in conjunction with the University of Manitoba Orientation in September as this has proven to increase attendance of JumpStart.

U of M Orientation Info Fair – Dates TBA. This is held the two days before the start of classes, for first year students.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

viii) Senior Stick
JUMPSTART Sept. 8 - 9

7. Other Business
a) Congratulations on behalf of Council to Diana Brydon for her Rh Award. And Congratulations to Esyllt Jones on her election to the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists.

8. Adjournment
C. Trott / I. Froese
CARRIED

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

[Signatures]
Chair
Secretary
Date