ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes
For the Meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2014

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

Present: B. Beare (Chair), A. Braid, B. Cantelo, J. Bouchard, J. Ripley, S. Fisher Stoesz, A. Braid, I. Froese, C. Trott, S. Peters (Secretary), B. Pope.

Regrets: D. Phillips, B. Peeler, S. Alward

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

2. Approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
   J. Ripley/C. Trott
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the March 26, 2014 Minutes
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2014 be approved as distributed with the following amendments: 5 b, fix the typo and 5 d take out the ‘an’.
   J. Ripley/P. Brass
   CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
   a) The Warden stated that he had four submissions for honorary degree candidates.
   b) S. Fisher Stoesz joined the Theological Education Committee

5. New Business
   a) Committees of Council - MOTION: That George Baldwin and June James be reappointed to the Finance & Administration committee.
      CARRIED
      The Development office would like to take some time over the summer to reconsider the organization, tasks and responsibilities of the Development Committee.
   b) Draft meeting dates for upcoming year - The Registrar distributed the dates.
      MOTION: That the meeting dates for the upcoming academic year be approved as distributed.
      CARRIED
c) Annual Report Draft - The Registrar distributed the annual report. MOTION: That the Annual report be approved as distributed with the understanding that suggested corrections be sent to the Warden and Registrar and said corrections will be made before the report is distributed publically.  
CARRIED  
d) MOTION: That we extend our condolences to Heather and Hartley Richardson on the passing of George Richardson.  
C. Trott/B. Cantelo  
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 today’s meeting.  

Finance & Admin. Met with their investment managers, it was a good meeting with growth in investments. The budgeting process was delayed as we were waiting for the University to finalize their budget. We had been expecting a 5% cut but received only a 1% cut so now we can work on the budget without further delay.  

b) Report from Assembly  

Report from SJC Assembly meeting of 13 May 2014  

- The Dean of Studies presented the following Fellowship nominations on behalf of the Membership committee; all of which were carried:  
Lisa Alexandrin - Senior Fellow  
Bryan Peeler - Visiting Fellow  
Erin Millions - Visiting Fellow - 1 year term  
Jade Weimer - Junior Fellow - 1 year term  
3rd and final year as Research Fellow for: Robert Coutts and Susie Fischer Stoesz  
Amy Scott, Krista Walters, 1 year Research Fellow  
Lorie Wilkinson - visiting 1 year  
Murray Evans - visiting 6 months  
Joseph Wiebe - research 6 months  
Stephanie Pyne - research 1 year;  
- The Dean of Studies presented motions from the Scholarship Committee;  
- The Dean of Studies asked that if anyone would like to nominate someone for an Honorary Fellowship to please forward their names to The Warden via e-mail;  
- The Dean of Studies presented the list of committees of Assembly for the 2014-2015 Academic year;  
- Draft meeting dates for the upcoming year were approved; and  
- Membership statistics were presented by the Registrar for Assembly’s information.  

Bryan Peeler, Chair of Assembly
c) Report from College Officers and Student Council
   i) Warden

Warden’s Report to Council
May 21, 2104

With the wind-up of Winter Term classes and the move to Summer Session the College moves into a different phase of its annual cycle. Now is the time for us to undertake many of the projects in preparation for the coming year. Looking forward I have the upcoming Senior Executive Retreat and the Heads of Anglicans Colleges.

At this year’s Convocation, the University will be conferring an honorary degree on Israel Idonije (defensive linebacker for the Chicago Bears) who is a graduate of the College. We are hoping to reconnect with Izzie when he is on campus.

[Note of correction: Izzie Idonije did not graduate from St John's College but did live in the residence for two years.]

Since the last Assembly I have undertaken the following activities:

1) The Wilmot Lectures (March 17-19): this year our three part series consisted of an Interfaith Dialogue process. Our first evening was at All Saints Church, the second at the Hindu Temple on Ste. Anne’s Road, and the third at the College. We had a consistent turnout of 35-40 for some very interesting conversations.

2) We had the last of the public theology lectures at St Margaret’s on March 20. We are currently planning the course to be offered next Fall and Winter.

3) I was in Quebec City on March 24 for a doctoral dissertation defence at Universite Laval.

4) I have been a member of the President’s Advisory Committee for the selection of a new University Librarian. As we have moved through the process this has required a considerable amount of time.

5) I have represented the College at the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration on March 30 and Booth University College’s Convocation on April 27.

6) I have been called to speak with the joint College and Diocesan Commission on Theological Education.

7) I represented the College at the Installation of the New Chancellor at St Paul’s College on April 6.

8) I went with Jackie to meet with Alumni and Donors in Vancouver on April 6 to 8.

9) I met with the University committee looking into the development of Daycares on campus.

10) I continue to meet with the Partners of the National Research Centre for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

11) I attended a Department Retreat with the Native Studies Department on April 22.

12) I attended the Distinguished Alumni Awards Reception with Jackie and Bernie Beare on May 1.

13) I am working with a committee to present Engage Difference: Deepening Understanding of Intercultural Ministry as one of the College’s offerings in theology.
ii)  Dean of Studies

Dean’s Report to Assembly/Council

May, 2014

Our Soup and Bread Lecture series was a great success this year and we thank Erin Millions for organizing these events and Ian Park for the delicious breads, vegetarian soups and salads.

Speakers this term included:


Feb 25 - Anthony Waterman. “St. John’s College in 1913-1914: Our Last Normal Year?”

March 12 - Agnes Pawlowska. “Intangible Cultural Heritage in Manitoba.”


April 2 - Lisa Alexandrin. “Medieval Islamic Remedies for Insomnia and Nightmares.”

Amy Scott was our coordinator for the Brown Bag Lunch series this winter and we thank Amy for her enthusiasm and organizational skills. Invited speakers this term were:

Wednesday January 22, 2014. Monica Woods and Ricardo Soriano from the University of Manitoba Research Quality Assurance spoke on “Revisiting Quality Research.”

Tuesday February 11, 2014. Shelley Sweeney from the University of Manitoba Archives and the Truth and Reconciliation Centre, “How the Archives of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools will Transform the University of Manitoba.”

Wednesday March 19, 2014. Rick Jansen from the University of Manitoba Security Services and the CPTED Program spoke on “Security Services and Safety Initiatives at the University of Manitoba.”

The College hosted the second annual St. John’s College Art Competition. The campus-wide competition was coordinated by Ian Park and the Art Committee, with juried prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Winners were announced on February 13, 2014 at a reception in the Daily Bread Café and submissions were showcased at the Café for the entire month of February. Thank you to Ian Park for the refreshments and to Art Committee members Nicole Goulet, Susie Fisher, and Lisa Alexandrin.
Congratulations to the three winners:

First place ($300.00): Tracy Fehr
Second place ($200.00): Jeremiah Valle
Third place ($100.00): Jesse Bergmann

On February 20th a new event. **Live, Lunch and Learn**, was held at the College. Alumni were invited to attend the College for a soup and sandwich lunch and to hear a guest speaker.

**The 30th Annual Marjorie Ward Lecture. March 6, 2014.**

Our 30th Annual Marjorie Ward Lecture was a complete success. The award-winning travel and nature writer, Jake MacDonald, gave a lively and engaging lecture on “The University of the Open Road,” on Thursday, March 6th to an audience of approximately fifty-five people. College Fellows and invited guests joined Jake before the lecture for a gourmet dinner in the Senior 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.

March 20, 2014. **Bach’s Birthday.** This event was held in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist and featured local musicians who performed compositions by **Johann Sebastian Bach.** The concert was followed by a reception.

**April 9th. End of term barbeque.**

**April 9th. End of term reception.** Our last formal reception for the academic year.

**Other events:**
Two Senior Fellows at St. John’s College have received prestigious awards.

Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Barry Ferguson**, Professor (History), Senior Fellow at St. John's College and coordinator for the Canadian Studies Programme in the Faculty of Arts, who has been named the **Duff Roblin Professor of Government.** Dr. Ferguson has a distinguished publishing record that includes works in the areas of political ideas, provincial-federal relations and modern Canadian social change.

**Dr. Diana Brydon,** Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, Professor (English, Film and Theatre) and Senior Fellow at St. John’s College has been presented with the University’s highest honour of **Distinguished**
Professor: The designation is given to those with extraordinary, internationally-recognized scholarly achievements, and only twenty academic staff members can hold this elite title at any one time.

Congratulations to both Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Brydon on your outstanding accomplishments.

Departures from St. John’s College

Five current members of SJC will be leaving the College this summer: Visiting Fellow, Paul Dyck; Senior Fellow, Jeff Masuda; Junior Fellow, Nicole Goulet and Research Fellows, Agnes Pawlowska and Laura Reimer. We have all enjoyed having Paul, Jeff, Nicole, Agnes and Laura at St. John’s and wish them all the best with their exciting new opportunities.

New Fellows will be joining us over the next few months and will be introduced officially at the Opening of Term Reception in September.

Congratulations to Research Fellow Agnes Pawlowska and Junior Fellow Nicole Goulet on receiving tenure track positions.

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
May, 2014

Fundraising
- In April we mailed out a Chaplaincy Fund ask to the Anglican community. We anticipated a 5% response rate and total donations of $1600. To date we have 6.6% response rate and $1,875. We likely will receive a few more.
- Looking at potential sponsorship and foundation opportunities.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Trip to Vancouver at the beginning of April was successful in reconnecting with alumni. We had 10 people attend the get together and we visited with two other individuals.

Special Events
- The next lunch is scheduled for 10th June, 2014 and will feature Amy Scott.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Bernie and I are working on the format.
Marketing/Communications

- The latest issue of In Lumine is being mailed out.
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing

- We held a volunteer appreciation lunch for four of our five volunteers this past April.

Misc

- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2014/21015.
- Will be doing a full programme evaluation in June

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
6th May, 2014

iv) Dean of Residence

v) Chaplain

Chaplain's Report to Council, May 2014

The last couple of months have been full ones. Many students hit an intense period of stress and personal crisis in the weeks leading up to exams, so I spent my time supporting them and getting them resources. Next semester I will plan more structured group meditation sessions for the end of semester and have more resources available for students who are struggling. Justin and I are going to work on our triage system over the summer and figure out how to best serve students who have difficulty getting into the permanently back-logged counselling centre. A late night study party in residence during the first week of exams went well.

A group of new international students has moved into residence and we enjoyed making Canadian pancakes together. Our chapel service on Palm Sunday with the Friends of the College Choir, “Journey into Holy Week,” went very well. Pints & Compline has finished for the summer and will start again in September. Negotiations for an outdoor labyrinth at SJC are ongoing; we still need permission from physical plant and Jackie is graciously pursuing funding.

Over the summer, I’m spending time with international students, planning a leadership retreat for the SJCSA and a spiritual retreat in conjunction with St Paul’s, planning residence programming and support for the fall (including alcohol and safe sex initiatives), putting together a new midweek dinner liturgy, and hopefully working on the labyrinth. I will also take training in suicide prevention. Plans are also beginning discussed for the implementation of a new Bible and Breakfast group in conjunction with the diocese beginning in the fall.
Bursar report to Council May 21, 2014

Building Projects

The building project in the academic wing of the college is essentially complete. There are a few signs we are still waiting for, but all of the substantive work is finished.

We have had discussions with the university regarding the replacement of the cloister roof. They have determined that it is not draining properly, and designs have been undertaken. However, we are still figuring out who is responsible for the cost of this project. Given historical projects such as the tunnel floor, and the new entrance outside the Chapel, it is our opinion that the university has established a precedent (they paid for these), and that this would continue for the cloister roof.

All of the upgrades to the residence rooms are now complete. We have also finished repainting some of the major stairways. Future projects (dependent on available funds) will be to replace the desks and chairs in each room. We are in the process of getting quotes, should we decide to go ahead.

The residence wireless project is also underway, and is scheduled to be complete in the next week or two. This will result in students having the option to either plug in directly, or connect wirelessly. This is a very significant improvement and something that all the students have been requesting.

Summer Conferences
Negotiations for our summer residence groups through IEP are in process. We expect to be quite full for a large part of the summer, but not to capacities we experienced last year.

Budgeting
Budgeting for 2014-15 was delayed while we waited to hear the level of cuts we would experience in our university budget. Last week we received an indication that instead of 5%, St John’s budget cut would only be 1%. With this information, we can now proceed with our budgeting exercise.

Audit
The audit is scheduled to begin June 9th

vii) Registrar

No Report

viii) Senior Stick

Senior Stick’s Report
Council, May 21, 2014
Grad
-It was a huge success. We had 16 grads. Food was delicious, people liked the grad gifts, the photobooth was really fun. Everyone had a great time!

Summer plans
Renovating the student lounge
- Over the weekend we did a major cleanup and removed a lot of junk
- Next: more cleaning, painting, and getting some new furniture (Mainly desks)

Jumpstart
- We will be combining Jumpstart with the regular university orientation days
- Uni orientation only one day for each student, so we will put all new members together and have Jumpstart on the second day separately

Student Council Retreat
- Planning a retreat at the beginning of September at Camp Arnes for the student council with Allison
- Get council off to a good start by getting to know each other better and defining goals for the year

7. **Other Business**
None

8. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** That the meeting be adjourned.
By consensus
**CARRIED**

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

[Signatures and date]