ST JOHN’S COLLEGE COUNCIL
MINUTES
For the Meeting of Wednesday November 26, 2008

Regrets: G. Baldwin, S. Blaikie, A. Braid, D. Draper (student), D. Phillips, and J. Ripley.
Absent: W. Cariou, and Friends of St Jon’s College Rep (vacancy).

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

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Item 5.c. iv), should be corrected to read “Acting” Dean of Studies.
   
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as corrected.
   P. Penner/R. Thomas
   
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the Wednesday, October 1, 2008 minutes (attachment 1 to the agenda)
   MOTION: That the minutes be approved as circulated.
   R. Thomas/J. Hoskins
   
   CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   a) Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre Update
      J. Hoskins reported that the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre is finished. The acoustic panels are in and the wall sconce light is going in on Saturday. Despite being promoted everywhere as a 250 seat lecture theatre, there were only 249 seats. This was an error of the contractor and the lecture theatre will end up with 251 seats after the error has been corrected. The room is extremely well used. It is booked Monday to Friday into the evenings, and the U of M President will hold a town hall meeting in there next week. Secretary’s Note: Council gave a vote of congratulations and thanks to Janet Hoskins and the College Staff.

   5. New Business
      a) Friends of St John’s College Representative on Council Appointment
         Since Kaye Dunlop stepped down from Council, we have a vacancy to fill. Kaye’s term was to end in June 2009. After some discussion it was decided that Joan McConnell would be nominated for appointment with a 3 year term rather than the usual 3 year term.
         
         MOTION: That Joan McConnell be appointed as a Friends of St John’s College Representative on Council with her term beginning January 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.
         J. Hoskins on behalf of Council Executive
         
         CARRIED

   b) Development Committee “Members at Large” Appointments
      There are three vacancies on the Development Committee. L. Kuffert and H. Richardson agreed to be appointed to this committee. There is still one vacancy to fill on this committee from the “members at large”.
      
      MOTION: That Len Kuffert and Heather Richardson be appointed to the Development Committee as “members at large” for a three-year term ending June 30, 2011.
      J. Hoskins on behalf of Council Executive
      
      CARRIED

6. Reports
   a) Reports from Committees
      i) Council Executive
         B. Beare reported that Council Executive met November 17th and dealt with the matters brought before council this evening.
ii) Development Committee
L. Carson reported that the Development Committee met at the end of October. The main item of discussion was the donor wall. There was a significant dilemma making sure the right names were with the right amounts in the right categories because of the way the donors are coded in our database. After some discussion, it was decided that there would be two sections; donors of $25,000 or more and donors of less than $25,000 or more. Names will be listed alphabetically in each category. Louise also noted that Francis Carroll resigned from the committee.

iii) Finance and Administration Committee
There wasn't a report from the Finance and Administration Committee. Paul Cloutier did give Council a heads up about the Hobson Trust. He reported that he was at a meeting, earlier in the day with members of the Diocesan Council regarding Trust Funds. They were most concerned about the Hobson Trust figures which possibly may affect the College.

b) Report from Assembly
Robert Thomas reported that Assembly has met once since the last meeting of Council on October 21, 2008. At that meeting Assembly:
- Appointed George Baldwin as the Acting Dean of Studies with the term ending June 30, 2009.
- Approved renaming a Theology course and renaming the “Advanced Certificate in Priestly Ministry” the “Certificate in Applied Theology”.
- Appointed Bonnie Hallman to the Art, Music and Social Committee and Visiting Speakers Committee.

c) Report from College Officers & Student Council
i) Warden
J. Hoskins reported that since the last meeting we've had many celebrations: SJC Convocation, the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre opening, a mini convocation for Rev. Phyllis Keeper, who couldn't make it to convocation and an alumni event last week.

ii) Dean of Theology
There was no report from the Dean of Studies. Theology

iii) Bursar
I. Froese submitted the following written report for the minutes:

Food Service (St Andrew's & Freshwater Institute)

St Andrew's College
St John's College was recently approached by St Andrew's College to assist them with their Food Services. They currently have an independent company providing the service to their 40 or so Resident Students, but their performance has not been what St Andrew's had hoped for, and their students are very unhappy. Because of this, St Andrew's asked if we would be able to assist them in this difficult situation, and take over their Food Services to the end of April 2009. The concerns and issues that arise for St John's College in a situation like this are three-fold:

1. That the College not lose any part of its identity by becoming involved in outside endeavors
2. That the core services provided to the St John's College community not be affected in any way
3. That it makes sense from a budget standpoint

After several meetings with St Andrew's, we are satisfied that all three of these criteria will be met. They have given us control over how the service is marketed, and it will be made clear that meals are being provided by St John's College, not St Andrew's. We are also confident that we will have more than sufficient staffing and resources to ensure that we can maintain, if not improve, on our core services to the College Community. And as it pertains to our budget, we anticipate an additional $20,000 net revenue as a result of this.

We are scheduled to begin providing meals December 1st, 2008.
Fisheries
In a situation similar to that of St Andrew's College, the Freshwater Institute Building on the Fort Garry campus has also approached us to provide service for them. They currently operate a café (similar, but somewhat smaller than the Daily Bread Café) in a building that employs 225 people. They are looking for someone new to come in and revamp/improve the service over what they are currently receiving. Again, the same concerns apply to this situation, with an additional concern of not eventually "competing" with ourselves for customers. As with St Andrew's, I (along with the Warden and Food Services Manager) feel that those concerns have been addressed and will not be an issue. From a business plan perspective, this opportunity will also provide additional revenue to the College, which will benefit the College community.
We have submitted our response to their Request for Proposals, and are awaiting word on whether we will be awarded the contract. The start date is January 1, 2009.

Residence Construction
As mentioned at the previous meeting, the construction underneath the Residence is complete. There are still some ongoing deficiencies that have been reported, but those are being addressed.

Walkway
There is still no definite timetable for the replacement of the walkway railing, but drawings are complete and the tender process is underway.

Espresso 101
Espresso 101 is gaining in popularity as students and staff become more aware of its presence and incorporates it into their coffee routine. Because of construction delays, and the smaller number of days it will open generating revenue, our original budget forecast will be difficult to meet. We are hopeful that the additional revenue centres of St Andrews, and The Freshwater Institute (pending our successful bid), will make up for this potential shortfall.

iv) Acting Dean of Studies
Sent regrets; no report.

v) Chaplain/Dean of Residence
P. Lampman circulated a SJC Chaplaincy brochure. He also reported that the work under the residence is done and the college put on a thank you event for the residence students. They had Chinese food and ice cream with sprinkles! There are no vacancies in the residence in second term.

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

Lecture Theatre
Now that the grand opening of the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre has taken place we will be focusing our attention on the donor wall. There will be approximately 1336 - 1360 names that will appear on that wall. We will work with the University of Manitoba on this project.

Development Positions
Jarett will be away from November 10 - December 12 doing his teaching practicum. Judy Jayasuriya will be working 16.5 hours a week to maintain the more clerical aspects of Jarett’s position.

Phone Centre
Our phone centre is now in full operation. The callers are working evenings, Monday through Thursday and though it is going well, the amount of most individual donations is less than in the past, with donors citing the downfall in the economy as the reason they are giving less. From Oct 19, 2007 – Nov 22, 2007 we received $17,491.00, and from Oct 19, 2008 – Nov 22, 2008, we received $13,166.00, for an overall difference of $4,325.00.

Other
Janet and I attended luncheon for National Philanthropy day on November 14, 2008. We also attended a University of Manitoba Alumni event in Ottawa last week. Apart from the alumni event, we were able to meet privately with several of our alumni.
vii) Registrar
   No report

viii) Senior Stick
   Sent regrets, no report.

7. Any Other Business
   G. Friesen noted that P. Thomas held a conference here on Friday and Saturday on Manitoba Politics which was very well done. It was agreed that B. Beare should send a card to him.

8. Adjournment
   MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
   L. Roberts/J. Powell

   CARRIED

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

Chair

Secretary

(Date)
Residence Washroom Renovation Information

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.

January 22, 2009
St John's College

Faculty of Theology Report

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

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

At this time, consideration is being given to a greatly reduced 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 Antiquo Oriente by Dr. John Neilsen in Chicago. It was a treat to have a tiny part in that!

Respectfully submitted,

John Stafford
Dean of Theology
Report of the Acting Dean of Studies to Council, January 2009

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

Soup and Bread Lectures
• On September 29, Rodly 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 Carion 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 Kinnean” 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 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 Close, 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 26th 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 innumerable shorts – is a remarkable canon of fantasia. 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 Persistance 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.