ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
MINUTES
For the Meeting of Wednesday, November 27, 2013


Regrets: B. Pope, A. Braid, J. James, B. Beare, S. Close, B. Peeler

1. **Presentation by The Rev. Deacon Allison Chubb, Chaplain**

2. **Presentation by Janet Walker re: Feasibility Study**
   The question was raised if the responses received were common to other institutions. The answer was that yes, it would be uncommon if there weren't barriers to success. Another question was raised regarding the role of religion in the College. Were people pushing for greater clarity of religion in the College or should it be downplayed, or was it a matter of strengthening the brand of the College? It was a matter of strengthening the brand of the College, knowing that not everyone is Anglican, that the College is open to all, but it is rooted in Anglican tradition and we shouldn't be afraid to tell others. But we also need to know what that means. The question was raised that staff and Fellows should be involved in working with Development to get the stories out and to speak with passion. A question was raised about the number of projects. There was some concern among respondents that there was a lack of connectivity. Residence and Scholarships were more compelling than updating classroom space.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved with the following amendments: Budget summary will be struck from the agenda
   J. McConnell/C.Trott
   CARRIED

4. **Approval of the September 25, 2013 Minutes**
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2013 be approved with the following amendments. Remove item 5 “Report from the Chaplain”.
   J. Ripley/S. Alward
   CARRIED

5. **Business arising from the Minutes**
   None

6. **New Business**
   a) Awards made in the fall - Presented by the Scholarship Committee for information.
   b) Motion from Development Re: Brown Estate - MOTION: That the bequest of the Rev. Robert F. Brown in the amount of $43,539.05 be directed to an undesignated fund until such time as the strategic plan is adopted. At that time the bequest will be redirected to a more appropriate usage.
   CARRIED
c) Motion from Development Re: Feasibility Study - That the recommendations made in the Feasibility Study be adopted and acted upon. It should be noted that the College is already on the road to Strategic Planning. The Warden is also looking into other partnerships. CARIED.
d) Commission on Theological Education - Warden presented that there are 6 members: Jamie Howison, Paul Dyck, David Watt, Allison Chubb, Kirsten Pinto-Grofer, Cathy Campbell. The Commission will look at the future of Theology in the College.

7. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
Council Executive: Met to set the agenda.
Development: All issues have been dealt with already
Finance & Admin: Met with the Investment Committee.

b) Report from Assembly
Assembly has not met.

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

Warden’s Report to Council
November 27, 2013

Since our last Council the College has been through its major Fall Ceremonials: Matriculation and Convocation. I have been particularly happy with the student turnout at both these events. I want to thank the Student Council for their hard work in beating the bushes and getting the students out. We need to do more work to engage the rest of the community and the alumni in these events. I also want to thank the General Office staff, especially Sherry Peters for the hard work they put into these events.

One of the great things this past year has been the engagement by the Class of ’63 in celebrating their 50th anniversary. Under the leadership of Jocelyn Barnard, the Class of ’63 raised a special gift endowment to the College, joined us at the Homecoming Dinner and we had 6 show up at Convocation Luncheon to receive their J-pins. This included former Warden The Rev. Dr. Murdith MacLean. I would like to see us working with each class in the future to reconnect them to the College.

I am very pleased to report some success in our experiment in offering an academic theology course in collaboration with St Margaret’s Church and Wycliffe College. Eight students enrolled to take the course for credit and 12 are auditing. In addition, the public lectures, which I insisted be part of the program, have attracted between 70 and 80 people each. This collaboration has prompted other organizations to approach me to partner with them.

1) At Homecoming I also represented the College at the Indigenous Achievement Luncheon, the Isbister Society Lunch, Arts Celebrating Arts, the Homecoming Dinner, and said grace at the President’s Luncheon.
2) Our Theology/Reading Discussion group continues to meet monthly at Dr. Waterman’s home. This fall we have been considering the book *Spirit Level*.
3) I represented the College at the Diocesan Faith Horizons event.
4) I represented the College at the opening of the United Centre for Theological Studies at the University of Winnipeg.
5) I represented the College at both Fall Convocations and said the Invocation at the second filling in for our Chaplain.
6) Although it ended up that the University and UMFA settled and there was no strike, I was heavily involved in the University contingency plans in the event of a strike.

7) I examined a doctoral thesis in French at Laval University on November 12.

8) I attended a workshop on “Universities Working with Indigenous Peoples” on November 18.

9) The Children Rising Mentorship Program ran their entire program in the College on November 23.

10) For my sins, I have been appointed to the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Librarian and the Instruction Space Management Committee.

II) Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies, Brenda Cantelo
Report to Council
November 27, 2013

Events for Fall 2013 (October to December)
The Retirement reception originally planned for William Norton in October will be re-scheduled.

Wednesday, October 30th. Celebrating Excellence at St. John’s College. Based on the success of last year’s event we held another reception in the St. John’s Library to recognize the outstanding achievements of our Fellows. In addition to acknowledging new publications, this year we also included distinctions such as teaching, academic, professional and community awards. The event was jointly hosted by St. John’s College Library, the University of Manitoba Press and the College.

Sunday, November 3rd. Convocation at 3:00 p.m. Convocation was a great success and we had a capacity audience for the event. This year The Rev. Dr. John Stafford was presented the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) and Dr. Aritha van Herk was given a Doctor of Canon Lay (honoris causa). Dr. Anthony Waterman was selected for the Fellows’ Recognition Award.

Wednesday, December 4th. End of term reception in the Senior Common Room.

Saturday, December 7th. Xmas Party for children and grandchildren of St. John’s Fellows, with gifts, food and a special visit from St. Nicholas.

Other events:

Our Soup and Bread Lecture series, which has been coordinated this fall by Retired Fellow, Robert Thomas, has been very popular. Our thanks go out to Robert for all his efforts and we look forward to a new season of Soup and Bread lectures beginning in January, when Erin
Millions will be the organizer. As well, we thank Ian Park for providing us with an excellent selection of soups and fresh salads.

Below is the list of presentations for this term.

Tuesday, September 24th Jim Dean and Lance Roberts—Gun Show Culture in America: An Anthropological Study.

Wednesday, October 2nd Amy Scott—Archaeology of Vampires.

Wednesday, October 30th Nicole Goulet – Clothing as Counter- Colonial in the Religious Practice of Ramakrishna, Sarada Devi and Vivekananda.

Wednesday, November 20th Paul Dyck—“Joyes Handsell”: Book as Gift in George Herbert.

Tuesday, December 3rd Dawn McCance—Editing a Literary Journal in Canada: The Mosaic Experience.

Our Brown Bag Lunch series, directed by Rod Clifton this fall, has been well attended as well, and we thank Rod for putting these events together so effectively. Attendance has been building steadily throughout the term, so we hope to continue that enthusiasm in 2014. Amy Scott has agreed to manage the series for the winter term.

Brown Bag Lunch events fall 2013:
Wednesday, October 16th Rev. Allison Chubb—So, Why a Chaplain? (Spiritual Wellness in a Public Institution).

Wednesday, November 6th Dr. Francis Carroll—News Flash! Canadians First Victims as World War Breaks Out.

Tuesday, November 26th Dr. Moti Shojania—Morbid Accumulation: The Economics of Slavery in Tarantino’s “Django Unchained.”

Winter 2014

In terms of upcoming events planned for the new year, the Soup and Bread Lecture Series and Brown Bag Lunches will continue and we are in the process of finalizing our next Marjorie Ward Lecturer. Details will be circulated at a later date.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies
Development Officer Report to Council
November, 2013

Fundraising
- Gifts received since April as 19th November = $92,676
- Fall appeal has been mailed. Response to date is positive.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Met with a gentleman who wishes to make a bequest and a lady who donated to the College a pen & ink drawing of the College in the 1880s.

Special Events
- Convocation luncheon - 3rd November was a huge success.

Marketing/Communications
- The redesigned webpage is up and is highlighted in the In Lumine.

Staffing
- Currently have three volunteers coming in on a regular basis to update the database.

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

Feasibility Study
- The report to be presented to Council at the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
19th November, 2013

iv) Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report

Internet

The residents are closer to getting internet access in their rooms. The university finally finished their end of the project on November 6. Shaw has been in and out of the building multiple times to finish their end of the project. Shaw is scheduled to come into the residence and make the connection “live” on Nov. 20th. The last step is to get
their technicians in to install modems in each room. By the end of November we should have the internet access that was originally promised to be completed during the summer. The internet fees that were collected in September will be put towards the residence fees for next semester.

Wi-Fi

Now that we have a fibre optic line to the residence the university informed us that they are planning on installing Wi-Fi in the residence. We completed a wireless survey in the residence on Nov. 8th and they plan on doing the install early next semester. This service is meant to supplement the wired service that we will be getting from Shaw. The Wi-Fi alone will not handle the demands of the residence.

**As of November 26, 2013, the residence now has full internet connectivity throughout the building.

Maintenance

There are 33 rooms left to install the flooring and we are upgrading one or two rooms each week.

Residence Life

The students maintain a busy schedule and they carry on with their traditional events. They had a Halloween decorating contest and banquet at the end of October. They plan on having their annual winter banquet on Nov. 23rd.

Recruitment

I will be sending packages out to rural high schools at the end of the month for fall 2014 recruitment.

v) Chaplain

Chaplain’s Report to Council, November 20, 2013

I have now been at the College nearly five months and am getting into more of a routine. Here’s a list of things I’ve done or been working on:

- Becoming acquainted with the services at the university which I might refer students to (counselling, etc)
- Leadership development day with the Student Council in September and ongoing consultation
- Cleaned out the chapel and am working to make the space more accessible for students to use as a place of rest, mediation, prayer, and music practice (including both Christian and generic meditation “stations,” some prayer resources, and “prayer poetry” for student to express themselves); donated unneeded resources to northern dioceses
- A funeral for medical professor emeritus Dr. John Moorehouse
- Matriculation service
- Founder’s Day service the morning of convocation
- Lunch in residence twice a week when possible to foster relationships with residents
• Helped moving residents into their rooms in September
• A multi-faith chaplaincy conference in Princeton (beginning of November)
• A short midday prayer service Tuesdays- Thursdays at 12pm in the chapel
• A “brown bag” presentation to staff and fellows about chaplaincy at the College
• Regular online presence through a blog and facebook, which has been quite successful at developing relationships with students
• Suicide awareness and remembrance day in September
• Officiated and preached at All the Kings Men evensong service in October and will do so again in December
• Put together a chapel information brochure to be given out to potential renters and other users
• Explored a potential meditation group, but there hasn’t yet been enough interest
• Connecting with Muslim students to see how space can be made for them
• Short inter-chaplaincy advent service over lunch in the chapel next week (Nov 27th)
• Advent mini-retreat on December 1st
• Planning Lessons and Carols service for December 15th
• Will have a service of late night prayer (Compline) at the King’s Head Pub on Friday (“Pints and Compline”)
• Developing plans to start a regular prayer group over either dinner or breakfast in the New Year
• Making plans to raise funds for our two staff from the Philippines whose families have been tragically affected by the typhoons

In the midst of these things, I am getting to know increasing numbers of students, staff, and faculty, what their needs are, and how I can best support them. I’ve begun to meet with individual students more regularly, but, as you know, building relationships takes time!

vi) Bursar

Bursars’ report to Council November 27th, 2013

Building Project
After not garnering enough interest from contractors in the summer to put out an RFP, the project to replace the carpet and repaint the walls throughout the lower level hallways has been reconstituted and is set to begin by the beginning of September. This includes work in both the Quiet Room, and one of the student carrel rooms. This time, the University will be acting as the general contractor, thus hopefully reducing the overall costs somewhat. Work will be scheduled during the evenings and weekends, and will be completely halted over the exam period so as not to disrupt the students and their studies. A completion date is likely to be sometime in the beginning of January.
Just a reminder that this project is being paid for from College University funds that had been held over from the last fiscal period, and topped up with additional funds from this year’s budget.
Residence internet
We are finally nearing the completion of the joint project between the University, Shaw Cable, and St John’s College. This will provide internet access in every room of the residence. By the end of this week the entire residence should be live. Also, the University has begun the process of surveying the building to install wireless access as well. I don’t think the importance of this can be overstated, and is something that we have long needed. Justin Bouchard has put a lot of time towards pushing this project forward, and I’ve been grateful for his efforts.

Conference
On Tuesday the 28th, Elinra Wiebe and I attended a day-long seminar conducted by our accounting software vendor. There are constant upgrades in functionality that they do a good job of previewing for all their customers, and it’s a chance for us to discuss common issues that other organizations face as well.

vii) Registrar

Registrar’s Report to Council
November 27, 2013

Recruitment: We participated in University 1’s Career and Degree Exploration day on October 8, and the Evening of Excellence on October 22. These were great opportunities to speak with new and current University students about the benefits of College membership.

College Learning Community: While still not the resounding success I would like this to be, this year’s CLC events have been a vast improvement over last year. I continue to work with St. Paul’s College, University 1, and the Academic Learning Centre, to make this a flagship program.

Convocation: Convocation was held on November 3, 2013, and for the most part I believe it was a successful event.

Upcoming:
February 19 & 20, 2014 – Info Days at the University of Manitoba
March 3 – 5, 2014 – Brandon Career Symposium

Sherry Peters
Registrar

viii) Senior Stick

Senior Stick Report
- Skyzone was a success, around 25 people attended
- Coffee house is happening November 22, planning is going smoothly. Money raised at coffee house is going towards the St. John’s Movember fund.
November 27 around noon is a fundraiser for the Philippines where people pay to wax a strip of hair off of some public figures of St. John’s who have volunteered

- A social is booked for February 7, at the HUB.

8. **Other Business**
a) Student Art completion - submissions due by the end of January. The reception will be Thursday, February 13, from 2 - 4 pm in the Daily Bread Café.

9. **Adjournment**
D. Nemez/S. Alward
CARRIED

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

Chair

Secretary

Date

20 Sept 2014