

**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE  
ASSEMBLY  
Minutes**

**SPECIAL QUORUM NEEDED**

**For the meeting of September 17, 2019 @ 2:30 pm in Room 108 St John's College**

Present: R. Coulter, F. Hasan, J. Dueck, M. Minor, B. Collins, M. Dennis Unrau, M. Evans, A. Rampton, J. Markstrom, D. Oliver, R. Thomas, M. Hughes, A. Ng, C. Trott, D. Watt, I. Froese, E. Jones, D. Barbour, L. Wilkinson, A. Demarais, J. Weimer (Chair), S. Peters (Secretary), D. Carr

Regrets: S. Close, B. Hallman, B. Cantelo, K. Levasseur, B. Pope, C. Penner, J. James, G. Bak, M. Benbow, D. McCance, S. Schwickart

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

C. Trott / D. Watt

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 7, 2019.**

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on May 7, 2019 be approved as distributed.

A. Rampton / J. Dueck

CARRIED

**3. Business arising from the Minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting**

None

**4. New Business**

- a) Meeting dates for upcoming year – The Registrar noted the new date for the November Assembly meeting will be on November 20. Additionally, it was noted that two of the meeting dates will be on Wednesdays to stagger meetings in an attempt to adjust for teaching schedules.

- b) Fellowship Nominations – MOTION from Membership Committee: That Francois Jordaan be elected for a one-year visiting Fellowship.

CARRIED

MOTION from Membership Committee: That Melanie Dennis Unrau be re-elected for a one-year Visiting Fellowship.

CARRIED

MOTION from Membership Committee: That Erin Millions be elected Adjunct Fellow.

E. Jones / C. Trott

CARRIED

MOTION from Membership Committee: That Dale Barbour be elected as Visiting Western Canadian Studies Fellow

CARRIED

MOTION from Membership Committee: That Rhonda Hinter as Visiting Researcher in January Western Canadian Studies.

CARRIED

- c) Membership on Standing Committees of Assembly – The Dean of Studies circulated the membership on the standing committees of assembly for approval.  
MOTION: That the membership on standing committees of assembly be approved.  
E. Jones / C. Trott  
CARRIED
- d) Fellows Recognition Award – According to the Terms of Reference for the Fellows Recognition Award, a committee is to accept nominations and determine the recipient. The Dean of Studies asked for volunteers for the committee. MOTION: That Jade Weimer, Adolf Ng, and Riley Coulter, along with Chris Trott and Esyllt Jones form the Fellows Recognition Award Committee.  
E. Jones / J. Dueck  
CARRIED
- e) Residence Update – The Warden updated Assembly that Council voted last May to proceed with fundraising for a new Residence. The preparatory work has begun. We have the renderings of the new residence, the key brochure has been created, and the Development Committee has produced a list of naming opportunities. The end goal is to raise \$25 million.
- f) Climate Strike – The official policy of the University is that it will be open and students are expected to show up to class. The Warden will tell his class that there will officially be a class but he does not expect to see them in class. There is also a SJC banner and students are planning to gather and march together with the banner, feel free to join others marching under the banner.

## **5. Other Business**

None

## **6. Reports**

### **a) Reports from College Officers**

#### **Warden**

#### **St John's College Warden's Report to Assembly September 17, 2019**

I hope you have all had a refreshing summer with time for both scholarly/research pursuits and some R and R. I was fortunate to have a week at a cottage “off the grid” where I actually read four books in my own field of research! Then it was on to Toronto for two weeks of grandchildren care. Refreshing but in a different way.

Since Council has agreed for us to proceed with the fundraising for the residence much of my energy this summer has been on working with the Development Office on the promotional literature for the project and meeting with various key members of our community about prospects and how to move forward on this large project. We have also met twice with External Relations about the project.

This spring the University Administration informed myself and Chris Adams at St Paul's that we would no longer be reporting to the Provost but directly to the President. We no longer sit on Deans and Directors Council as a result although we continue to be members of Provost's Council. Since this is (finally) congruent with the 1970 Agreement we both agreed although we

are not sure yet of the implications of no longer attending Deans and Directors. Our budget lines remain within the Provost's Office.

Other activities include:

- 1) Alumni/Donor/Recruitment visit to Neepawa, Dauphin and Gladstone – May 14, 15
- 2) Host for the Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue at the College – May 24-26
- 3) Hiring Committee for Native Studies Department – May 27
- 4) Represented College at Isbister Society Luncheon – May 27
- 5) Attended What's Next Info Fair with Registrar – June 1
- 6) Represented College at the Installation of the New Chancellor – June 3
- 7) Attended the Urban Indigenous Ministry Conference – June 4-6

I want to thank the Fellows of the College who took the time to represent us at the University Convocations June 4, 5, 6, 7 when I was unable to attend.

- 8) Did an interview with CBC North (Iqaluit) in Inuktitut on how I learned Inuktitut – June 4
- 9) Taught workshop for the Librarians Indigenous Awareness Training – June 5
- 10) Attended Ecclesiology and Ethnography Conference – June 12-14
- 11) Attended Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop 2.0 – June 20
- 12) Hosted and spoke at the National Aboriginal Day Teach-In, June 21
- 13) Represented College at the St John's Ravenscourt Convocation – June 21
- 14) Visited Alumni at Falcon Lake – June 28
- 15) Lunch with new Vice Provost (Students), Laurie Schnarr – July 4
- 16) Attended opening dinner for Health Career Quest Camp – July 14
- 17) Met with Alumni in Kingston – August 5
- 18) Examined Masters of Natural Resource Management thesis – August 15
- 19) Alumni/Donor visit to Morden – August 23
- 20) Represented College at St Bart's Church 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – August 24
- 21) Alumni/Donor Visit to Selkirk – August 28
- 22) Attended Native Studies Department Retreat – August 29,30
- 23) Represented College at John Wortley's funeral, September 3
- 24) Diocesan Postulant Assessor – September 7
- 25) Attended Senior Executive Retreat – September 12, 13

I have been working with Prof. Jane Barter of the University of Winnipeg to organize the visit of Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch to the College. As well, I have been working with Canadian Mennonite University to jointly offer a course in Liturgical Theology taught by Bishop Don Phillips.

## **Dean of Studies**

### **Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly September 17, 2019**

Welcome back to all everyone! We have a busy fall already underway at the College. In addition to welcoming several new Fellows, we also say goodbye this fall to Julie Gibbings, who has left UM and taken up a new position in Edinburgh, and to Erin Millions, who is pursuing postdoctoral research at University of Winnipeg this year.

## Committees

A list of new and returning committee members was circulated in the summer. There have been a couple of changes, and the current list will be circulated at Assembly for ratification.

## Nominations for New Fellows

We are committed to allocating some of our office space for senior doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. The departure of Erin Millions has opened up an office for a new scholar.

The Membership Committee is nominating **Francois Jordaan** for a one-year Visiting Fellowship. Francois is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology, studying with Prof. Kent Fowler. His research is focused on social identities of Early Farming Communities in the southeastern Lowland region of South Africa. Francois has given a number of research papers here and in South Africa, and has been awarded numerous grants in support of his research. He is already a SJC scholarship recipient and active student member of the College.

The Membership Committee is also putting forward Melanie Unrau for a one-year renewal of her Visiting Fellowship. Melanie successfully defended her dissertation “**Tend the rusted steel like a shepherd**”: **Petropoetics of Oil Work in Canada**” in the Department English, Theatre, Film & Media in August, and is pursuing postdoctoral research under the supervision of SJC Fellow Diana Brydon.

## Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies

This year we had a significant increase in the number of applications for the Visiting Researcher positions. This was in large measure due to the work of Amy Craddock, who helped me to build an email list of relevant departments across Western Canada, who received the posting last spring. I also want to thank all of you for helping us promote this new program.

The Visiting Speakers/Canadian Studies Committee vetted the applications and we offered the positions to two scholars, **Dr. Dale Barbour** and **Dr. Rhonda Hinthier**, both of whom accepted. Dr. Barbour is with us at the College until early January, when Dr. Hinthier will take up the office space. I am putting forward each of these Visiting Researchers for six-month Visiting Fellowships at the College

You can find information about Dr. Barbour’s research on the SJC website  
[http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_johns/programs/237.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/programs/237.html)

My research project is an environmental, social, and cultural history project entitled *Muddied Waters: The Social and Environmental Transformation of Winnipeg’s Red and Assiniboine Rivers, 1900-1972*. Winnipeg’s rivers are central to western Canadian history and historiography and yet in the early twentieth century they disappear behind a declensionist arc. Urban sewage and pollution are blamed for driving people out of the rivers. Winnipeg would only begin to publicly embrace its rivers again in the 1970s.

I will consider how a polluted environment is multi-layered and contested. Working-class and middle-class people used the rivers as a courtship space in the early twentieth century and metaphorically cleansed the water with their presence. However, the departure of sanctioned users and environmental decline worked in tandem with the use of the river by marginalized groups—bathers, homeless people seeking shelter, Indigenous people, and gay and heterosexual people seeking sexual encounters—to

contribute to the portrayal of Winnipeg's rivers as places of social pollution. Winnipeg's relationship with its rivers wasn't simply one of decline but rather social transformation.

Dr. Hinthner will be at the College during her sabbatical year from Brandon University, where she is an Associate Professor. She will be completing a book manuscript based on research on the history of leftist internment during WWII in Canada, much of which has a Western Canadian focus. The book project examines this topic through the experiences of the Ukrainian-Jewish extended Walsh/Weir/Boyd/Steele family.

### **Marjorie Ward Lecture**

I'm pleased to announce that the 2020 Marjorie Ward Lecture will be given by Prof. Joan Sangster (Trent University), on Thursday March 12. Dr. Sangster is Past President of the Canadian Historical Association, and a prolific scholar in the history of women and gender, and labour history. Her latest book, *100 Years of Struggle: The History of Women and the Vote in Canada* is shortlisted for this year's Dafoe Prize.

### **Fellows Recognition Award**

It is time for us to strike a committee for the Fellows Recognition Award. The previous recipient of this award was Prof. Francis Carroll, in 2016. The Terms of Reference for the award, which is normally given every 3-5 years, has been circulated. We require two Fellows to serve on this committee.

### **Soup and Bread**

For the past two years, Soup and Bread was very ably convened by Micheline Hughes and Erin Millions. It is an important role, for which I am still seeking a new volunteer or two. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let me know.

In the interim, we have three lunchtime lectures scheduled for this fall:

Dale Barbour, October 2

Liv Valmestad, Nov 6

Ariel Gordon (UM Press), Nov 27

### **"Coffee's On"**

After we had some discussion last term about more opportunities to socialize informally at the College, Amy and I would like to trial a new initiative. We will have a pot of coffee made and baking available in the early afternoon on the first Monday of each month in the Senior Common Room. We are asking for volunteers to contribute a modest amount of baking for these events. Amy will circulate reminders.

### **Writing Tutor Program**

We are continuing to offer our writing tutor program in the college Library, beginning this week. Hours are yet to be confirmed by the Academic Learning Centre, but we will circulate that information as soon as we have it. Please share with your students. A reminder that all students are able to access this service. They do not have to be SJC members.

I received the following data from James Honeyford at the Academic Learning Centre about the first year of SJC's writing tutor program:

"The schedule at SJC was used quite well. For the year, 59% of the available slots were used for writing tutor appointments, which is exactly in line with the utilization rates for our other locations on campus (with the exception of the Dafoe library).

As I monitored the schedule during the winter term, I noticed that most of the days were fully booked until about 24 hours before, and then we saw quite a few cancellations (39% of available slots). This was the case with the other libraries as well, and I think we can increase awareness of our waiting list feature to reduce the number of appointments that go unused.

The students we saw in the St. John's Library location represented a nice cross-section of students:

- 82% undergrad; 15% grad students, 3% extended ed.

- 12 different faculties identified, with U1 (31%), Science (16%), Architecture (13%), and Arts (10%) as the most frequent

- 8 different languages identified as first/home language (plus 11 appointments for students who identified "other"); 49% identified a language other than English."

## Chaplain

### Chaplain's Report to SJC Assembly

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Beginning of term brings with it the next revolution in many cycles. Chapel worship has resumed, student support is in demand (often regarding directions to classrooms and buildings at this point), planning of programming with SJC Student Association is underway, and diocesan events are piling up quickly.

- Attended the UManitoba Spiritual Care Advisory Council meeting on 11 September
- Attended the Fall Term BBQ for SJC and SPC students
- At the invitation of the Warden and Dean of Residence: gave the "Sex Talk" at residence orientation
- Working with Muslim Student Association in planning a Christian/Muslim student interfaith awareness event later in fall term
- Planning for this year's *Food for the Journey* is under way
  - Aiming for a theme of the intersection of spirituality and faith traditions with historically marginalized voices
  - Two speakers are committed with invitations for the other slots outstanding
  - Publicity around this event to students has been substantially increased over last year
- Ongoing discussion with the Warden, Development Officer, and the Faculty of Music regarding new pianos for the chapel, allowing for more concert/recital booking in the space while maintaining the tradition of having an instrument available for student usage
- Printed a schedule of liturgies and events in St John's Chapel for the fall term including guest preachers and significant liturgical observances of saints connected to SJC (of which there are more than you might think!)
- Engaged in research and compilation of a list of SJC graduates who are notable figures in the history of the Anglican Church of Canada with a view to recognizing them officially

- Convocation/Founders Day Eucharist is being planned with an alumna, the Revd Julie Collings, observing a significant anniversary as the presider
- Began planning for a cycle of events centred around Rogation/Lammas/Harvest to raise awareness of environmental issues and engage with Agriculture, Environmental Studies, and the wider community
- Continuing work on maintaining and renewing the material aspects of chapel
  - o Sourcing new linens
  - o Removal of furniture no longer necessary
  - o Ongoing discussion about possible installation of a bell
- Presided at Holy Eucharist for the Eve of Ascension Day (29 May) and preached at Choral Evensong (2 June) with *All the King's Men*
- Presided at the wedding of Bret Backhouse and Amy Craddock in St John's Chapel on 28 July
- Assisting with planning the convocation liturgy at Centre for Christian Studies
- Attended ordination of Rachel Twigg-Boyce to the priesthood on 17 June

## **Bursar**

### **Bursar's Report to Assembly September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The College had a strong summer session, continuing the success of 2018-19.

#### **Financial**

BDO Canada conducted their audit of the College during the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Their report and accompanying draft financial statements were presented to the Finance & Administration Committee on September 5<sup>th</sup>, who have recommended their approval to College Council. For the 2018-19 fiscal year, General Operations posted a surplus of \$79,119 and Theology posted a surplus of \$10,175. This positions General Operations with an accumulated surplus of \$44,395, and Theology with an accumulated surplus of \$54,418.

Summer residence occupancy levels were approximately 61% averaged out over the course of the summer, comprised of regular students, external groups, and international student groups. These were good numbers and position us well for the fall.

#### **Building Projects**

We were once again able to do some maintenance/renovations over the summer. Numerous classrooms and some offices were painted, and we also replaced a large number of ceiling tiles and light lenses in classrooms that were either damaged or very dirty. We also replaced some broken blinds in the smaller seminar classrooms.

#### **Administration**

We had our first staff wedding at the College in a very long time! Amy Craddock was married in the St John's College Chapel on July 27<sup>th</sup>. She has St John's heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

**Dean of Residence**

**Dean of Residence Report**

**Residence Projects**

Apart from regular maintenance for upkeep, we only had a few residence projects in mind this summer. Notable ones are building exterior sign, dorm room window repairs and multiple water/drainage repairs.

Ivan Froese and I looked into a few options for large building signs for our residence building. Two signs got installed on North and South exterior walls. As usual, a large number of windows in dorm rooms needed repairs. Ian Park and I contacted Accurate Dorwin and put in several work orders to replace/fix them. Lastly, we have experienced multiple instances of drainage issues in several washrooms/showers in the residence. We had physical plant come in a few times over the summer and repair some pipes, valves and drain.

Apart from these, regular maintenances in dorm rooms have been completed.

**Regular Semester**

As of August 21<sup>st</sup>, we had reserved all our rooms for Fall 2019-Winter 2020. We have maintained a waitlist of approximately 16 students for Fall 2019 and 3 students on our Winter 2020 waitlist. The residence is 73% international and 59% are first year students. We finally have a relatively balanced ratio of male and female students (56 male and 44 female). It is also worth mentioning that 36% of the students are returning from last year.

In an effort to show how diverse our student body really is, here is a list of countries/provinces our students are from this year:

<b>Country/Province/Territory</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>Country/Province/Territory</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
MB (Winnipeg, Brandon, Cartier, Killarney, MacGregor, Morden, Portage la Prairie, Roblin)	12	Malaysia	1
ON (Orangeville, Kenora, Oakville)	4	China	15
BC	2	Hong Kong	3
NL	1	Russia	2
First Nations (Wasagamack, Poplar River, Cross Lake,	5	South Korea	3
USA (MN, NY)	5	Ukraine	1
Kenya	2	Vietnam	1
Ghana	8	Taiwan	2
Zimbabwe	4	Egypt	1
Nigeria	13	Azerbaijan	1
Zambia	2	Bangladesh	1
Mongolia	2	Sri Lanka	1
Uganda	1	Pakistan	2
Togo	1	India	3

Here is a list of faculties for residents (to the best of my knowledge):



Faculty	No. of Students	Faculty	No. of students
ICM	24	Food Science	1
University 1	23	Extended Ed	1
Science	14	Social Work	1
Food science	1	Nursing	1
Engineering	1	Law	3
Computer science	8	Masters – City Planning	1
Business	5	Masters - Computer Science	1
Psychology	3	PhD Economics	1
Political Studies	1		
Arts	4		
Economics	1		
ELC	1		
Physics	2		

### Summer Session

We had a lot of traffic this summer. Starting early June till the end of August, we had several groups stay with us, namely MITT (17 students), Engineering (22 students), Diocese of Rupert's Land (31 guests), Health Quest (16), Math Camp (25) and IEP (40 students). In addition, we had around 40 regular students in average all summer. In May, we were approximately 50% full, June at 52%, July at 59% and August at 73% on average.

### Residence Activity

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the dons are:

- David Pollock
- Seungyeon (Julie) Yoon
- Riley Coulter
- Andrew Weber

They've already proven themselves to be hard workers and great leaders, and I'm excited to work with them this year!

Res Council is holding elections on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have Hugo Ko and Lillian Wood as Co-Presidents for the council. They will be joined by a Financial Director, Communications Director, Yearbook Editor and 4 Hallway Representatives after the election.

The first House Meeting was a success. The Residence Contract, Sexuality and Multiculturalism were the main focusses at the meeting.

Happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

## **Development Officer**

### Development Officer Report to Assembly September 2019

#### **Fundraising**

- Gearing up for the Fall campaign

#### **Capital Campaign**

- Working with the Development Committee to put policy and procedures in place.
- Inviting people to be a part of the campaign cabinet
- Met with four people to discuss their involvement/donation to the campaign.

#### **Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Over the summer we visited alumni/friends in Selkirk and are planning more local visits over the fall.
- Chris and I are planning to be in Ottawa/Toronto during the week of 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November for alumni/donor visits

#### **Special Events**

- The Lunch and Lively Conversation will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. We have Annette Desmarais speaking on food insecurity.

#### **Marketing/Communications**

- The latest issue of In Lumine is being prepared. As it will include convocation it will not be mailed until December
- Putting together an e-newsletter.

#### **Staffing**

- Our summer student worked out well Adekunle Adesanmi was hired under the Canada Summer Jobs programme.
- We were successful in our Work Study bid and will be hiring someone within the next couple of weeks.

#### **Misc**

- Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI) – waiting for confirmation that this is the same as last year – 50% match on amount being awarded to students.
- External Relations has asked us to include our contribution to the Front and Centre campaign during our Homecoming events. SJC's contribution is \$1,707,643.47.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom  
12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

## **Registrar**

The first Saturday of June we had an information table at “Next Steps”, previously known as Head Start. This was a well-attended event, with many students with their parents stopping by our table for information on the College, with some asking for, and receiving, a tour of the residence.

In mid-July, as part of the University of Manitoba’s orientation programming, we had an information table, and I partnered with St. Paul’s College, to give a presentation on the benefits of College membership, at a new event, “Getting Good Grades.” This was the first time this event was held, and its focus was on the extras of University life that help students engage and succeed, such as chaplaincy, student groups, and other student life involvement. Fayaz joined me at our information table and we found, as well as during the presentation, that we were mainly talking with students who had already joined the College.

Welcome Day was on September 3. This year I did not have an information table as the SJCSA had one at the UMSU info fair. While Welcome Day is usually one of our best days for recruitment, by all accounts, the SJCSA table was visited several times more than ours has ever been during the regular info fair. I shall definitely be getting them more involved at upcoming events like Evening of Excellence on October 29.

Matriculation is coming up on September 22 at 3:00 pm in the Chapel. Preparation is well under way. As a reminder, all are invited to attend to welcome new members to the College.

The 153<sup>rd</sup> annual Convocation is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You all should have received an invitation. If you have not, please let me know and I will send you one. If you have received your invitation but you have not yet replied, please send in your reply card to me as soon as possible, but no later than October 10.

### **b) Report from Senior Stick**

St. John’s College Student Association September Report

This year University of Manitoba Student Union invited St. John’s College Student Association to be a part of student tabling during orientation that took place on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the event SJCSA handed out a variety of promotional items, such as pens, lanyards, and notebooks. Based on the amount of college informational sheets that were handed over two hundred students came by. We are hopefully that this attracted new students to the college.

The overall response for Jumpstart, that was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> was positive. Attendance numbers did increase as the day went on, however less students are attending every year. Poor weather is most likely a contributing reason.

SJCSA is starting the year off with fifteen members and we are still planning out the events for this year.

Thank you,  
Susanne Schwickart  
SJCSA Senior Stick

## **7. Adjournment**

By consensus