

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL  
Agenda  
For the Meeting of May 20, 2020  
Meeting from 6:00pm via Zoom

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the January 22, 2020 Minutes
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. New Business
  - a) Report from Katarina Kupca with Case for Support
  - b) Report on College Finances
  - c) Honorary Degrees
  - d) Motion from Chancellor re: appointment to Warden's Search Committee
  - e) Membership Statistics
  - f) Meeting Dates for Upcoming Academic Year
6. **Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council**
  - a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
  - b) Report from Assembly
  - c) Reports from College Officers and Student Council
    - i) Warden
    - ii) Dean of Studies
    - iii) Development Office
    - iv) Dean of Residence
    - v) Chaplain
    - vi) Bursar
    - vii) Registrar
    - viii) Senior Stick
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL  
Minutes  
For the Meeting of January 22, 2020  
Meal at 5:30, Meeting from 6:00 Room 108, St John's College

Present: P. Cloutier (Chair), H. Kennedy, A. Braid, J. Ripley, H. Enns, I. Froese, G. Woodcroft, C. Trott, J. James, J. Markstrom, L. Wilkinson, P. Brass, M. Hughes, B. Pope, M. Minor, E. Jones, C. Loewen, J. Weimer, S. Peters (Secretary)

Guest: Katarina Kupca

Regrets: S. Schwickart, J. McConnell, K. Leung

**1. Opening Prayer**

H. Kennedy opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

J. Ripley / J. James

CARRIED

**3. Approval of the September 25, 2019 Minutes**

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2019 be approved as distributed.

M. Minor / E. Jones

CARRIED

Approval of the November notes, note the approval of the electronic vote to hire Katarina.

**4. Business arising from the Minutes**

None

**5. New Business**

- a) Capital Campaign presentation by Katarina Kupca – Katarina presented a walkthrough of the capital campaign process. A successful campaign comes down to the case for support, prospective donors, and the Campaign Cabinet. The case for support should be inspiring and compelling. The case for support for our campaign is currently in draft form. We are in the process of putting together a list of prospective donors. She will be reaching out to Council members to think of names of potential donors. The Cabinet are people who would be willing to donate and sit in on meetings to say I gave and here's why you should too. By the March Council meeting the case for support will be finalized and potential Cabinet members will be in place and approve prospective donors. By May want to have Campaign in progress, conversations started. By September at the latest, everything will be in place and we will know how to get to the \$25 million and what roadblocks and what building blocks need to be in place. Council will essentially be a steering committee for connections, to finalize material, and to promote the College in general. Katarina asked for Council's input on what is the important information about the College and the residence to convey. The question was raised that if our alumni remember the residence as home, how do we convey that with such a large population of international students. The Bursar who is also acting Dean of Residence, spoke to the question to say that the students in residence feel that the international population has made living in residence a significantly better experience. B. Pope suggested that we approach older alumni to say this is how the Anglican church can reach out and demonstrate how they care to the greater world, because as Anglicans we are accepting of others. Keeps the church alive and visible to the world and the next generation. L. Wilkinson suggested we think about our international alumni who have changed the world. P. Brass suggested the residence alumni will be a specific audience which will pay off bigger because they are a tighter knit group with fond memories of their time in residence, they already know the value of living in the residence. L. Wilkinson noted that there is a desperate need for student housing on campus. H. Enns said we

could refer to the residence as an expression of the innate values of the College. A. Braid asked when we are to decide whether the capital campaign would be feasible or not. It seems that the further along we go, the deeper we are in it, without giving official approval to go ahead with the campaign. The Chair reminded Council of the timeline agreed to at the May 2019 Council meeting. Progress has been delayed and the decision is expected to be made in September 2020. The Bursar and H. Enns reminded Council that with the extended food services the new residence would provide, we would have a stream of income as we fundraise and build. C. Loewen agreed that while undertaking such a campaign is a risk, but failure does not mean we lose the College, we will have raised a lot of money that won't be enough to break ground but it isn't the worst thing in the world, and failure is only guaranteed if we don't try.

- b) Budget Summary – The Bursar presented the budget summary that had been distributed for the November 2019 Council meeting. The College is in a good financial position to meet our budget targets.
- c) The Investor's Report – Finance and Admin met with the Investment managers. There has been a lot of uncertainty in the world financially. They believed our investment mix is still best suited for our needs.
- d) Development Committee Individual Development Plan – The Development Officer presented the Plan that was circulated to Council. This is for the annual commitment from Council members that is expected to be made to the College. The Capital Campaign will be a separate call for donations. Council is asked to complete the form and return them to the Development Officer. It is also intended to get Council to think about what the College means to them, and to donate.
- e) Set the budget parameters for the upcoming fiscal year – The Bursar stated that the Finance and Admin Committee voted electronically to agree to the motion: That Council strike a balanced budget (see the motion from Ivan)  
CARRIED
- f) Call for Honorary Degree Nominations – The Warden asked Council to consider nominations for our Honorary Degrees. By mid-February, please pass on any names and CV or background information of nominations to the Warden.

## **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 both the November meeting and for tonight's meeting. Development Committee met to discuss the items that were presented at Council this evening. Finance and Admin met and received the Investment report and passed the motion for a balanced budget.
- b) Report from Assembly – No report as Assembly did not meet in January
- c) Reports from College Officers and Student Council
  - i) Warden

### **St John's College Warden's Report to Assembly and Council November 20, 2019**

This has been a difficult Fall with the passing of a number of our long time Fellows and friends: John Wortley, Wally Fox-Decent, and Lance Roberts. We seem to be facing a turning of the generations at the College.

In Theology, the College has reached an agreement with Canadian Mennonite University to accredit our courses and thus make them available to students pursuing M.Div. degrees not only at CMU but elsewhere. We offered our first course on Anglican Systematic Theology last winter and our second this term on Liturgical Theology taught by the Rt Rev Donald Phillips. In this winter term we will offer the second part of Anglican

Systematic Theology and a course on the History of Liturgy. We hope that in the spring session we will be able to offer a course on Indigenous Theology. Planning is already underway for next year when we will offer Contextual Theology as well as Leadership in Ministry.

We were most fortunate to have the Rev Deacon Prof Diarmaid MacCulloch come and deliver the Wilmot Lecture this fall. We did this in collaboration with the University of Winnipeg. Prof MacCulloch preached at St Peter's Church, lectured at the University of Winnipeg on the English Reformation and delivered the Wilmot Lecture on "Sex and the Church". We are looking towards future collaborations with the University of Winnipeg.

- 1) Chaired U of M Press Board, September 24
- 2) Attended Arts Recognition Luncheon, September 26
- 3) Chaired Theology Education Council, September 26
- 4) Attended Diocesan Council, September 28
- 5) Diarmaid MacCulloch visit, September 28 to October 2
- 6) Attended memorial for Lance Roberts, September 29
- 7) Attended President's Scholars Reception, September 30
- 8) Attended Emeritus Title Reception, October 2
- 9) Attended and facilitated a workshop at Faith Horizons, October 5
- 10) Attended Fletcher Stewart funeral, October 8
- 11) PhD Thesis Proposal Defence, October 10
- 12) Represented College at U of M Convocation, October 16
- 13) Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue Zoom Call, October 21
- 14) Facilitated Indigenous Awareness Training for Librarians, October 23
- 15) Attended the CAGP talk on the Philanthropic Landscape, October 24
- 16) Attended Food for the Journey, October 26
- 17) Attended Residence Halloween Banquet
- 18) Presided at Convocation, November 3
- 19) Hiring Committee for Assistant Bursar
- 20) Alumni/Donor Trip to Toronto, November 8 – 16.

**St John's College  
Warden's Report to Council  
January 22, 2020**

This past period has included the time for Christmas Break (December 20 to January 2) when the University is closed. Prior to that I took a long weekend in December to visit the grandchildren in Toronto. Term seemed to start up very quickly in January and has been moving ahead at full steam since then.

This term the College is offering two courses in conjunction with Canadian Mennonite University. The Rev. Andrew Rampton is offering "The Eucharist in Anglican Liturgical History" and Dr. Graham MacFarlane is offering "The Christian Life – an Anglican account" at St Margaret's Church. We have renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with CMU for these courses. CMU is suggesting, and I agree, that we move into an ongoing MOU with them rather than continuing on a course-by-course basis. We are looking at offering an intensive course on "Indigenous Christian Theologies" in the spring. In addition, the Rev. Dr. Heather McCance is offering a number of other continuing education workshops through the Diocese using College facilities.

- 1) Chaired the University of Manitoba Press Board, November 21
- 2) Attended Diocesan Council, November 23
- 3) Attended the Ordination of Deacons, November 23
- 4) Attended the Bishop's Dinner, November 26
- 5) Attended Equity and Diversity Training, November 28
- 6) Attended Food for the Journey, November 30

- 7) Attended the Faculty Family Christmas Party, December 7
- 8) Attended Residence Christmas Banquet, December 7
- 9) Participated in the Advent Carol Service, December 8
- 10) Attended Provost's Council, December 12
- 11) Examined MSW Thesis Proposal, December 17
- 12) Participated in Boxing Day Feast in Residence, December 26
- 13) Attended Native Studies Department Meeting, January 3
- 14) Attended Desmond Connor's Memorial, January 10
- 15) Meeting with the Principal of Booth University College, January 13
- 16) Meeting with the Sexual Violence Resource Centre, January 14
- 17) Chaired University of Manitoba Press Board, January 15
- 18) Attended Food for the Journey, January 18
- 19) Attended Ordinations to Priesthood, January 18

I would like to thank Profs. Christiana Penner and Jennifer Dueck for taking over the organization and running of the College Family Christmas Party. I would also like to thank the Rev. Andrew Rampton for organizing the Christmas dinner in Residence. It encourages me that the younger members of the College are taking over some of the initiatives I started.

Finally, I would like to note that for the first time since I became Warden I was able to complete and submit an academic article.

ii) Dean of Studies

### **Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly/Council November 2019**

#### **Faculty Research and Travel Award**

REMINDER to the Fellows that we offer up to \$300 in support of research and travel for Fellows. We still have some room in this year's academic budget, so please consider applying, especially if you haven't received funds from the program to date.

#### **Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies**

Dr. Dale Barbour, the Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies, organized RiverTalk: A Roundtable on Winnipeg's Rivers, held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Dale, two SJC Fellows spoke at this event – Adele Perry, and Michael Minor. We provided a light lunch for participants.

#### **Marjorie Ward Lecture: CHANGE OF DATE**

The 2020 Marjorie Ward Lecture will be given by Prof. Joan Sangster (Trent University), on **Thursday March 5**. 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.

#### **Soup and Bread**

Since we last met, we have had two lunchtime lectures in the SCR: Dale Barbour, on October 2; and Liv Valmestad, Nov 6. Ariel Gordon (UM Press) will give a talk on Nov 27 entitled "#NovemberWarmth: On Writing Trees, Climate Change, and the UMFA Faculty Strike."

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

We have had two successful first Mondays with coffee and baking. I want to thank Adele Perry, Bonnie Hallman, and Elizabeth Alexandrin for their baking contributions. The last Coffee's On for this term will happen on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any ideas or thoughts are welcome as we plan the new year.

### **End of Term Reception**

Our end of term reception for Fellows and Staff will be **Thursday December 5**, starting at 3:30. Things will be a bit festive this year. Thanks as always to Amy and Food Services for making these events so convivial!

### **Writing Tutor Program**

For the remainder of the term, the writing tutor is available in the library on Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00pm. Please share this information with students. A reminder that all students are able to access this service. They do not have to be SJC members.

Utilization so far this semester is 75%.

### **Career Consultant Program**

One of the goals of the Thrive student support program is to provide career supports. I'm pleased to announce that we are starting a pilot drop-in career consultant program, in cooperation with UM Career Services. The Consultant is a SJC graduate, Trevor Leymann, who some of you might know. Trevor will be in the SJC Library Thursday Nov 28 and Thursday Dec 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please advise students about this service. Like our tutoring, it is not restricted to SJC members.

### **Graduate Student Writing Retreat**

Sherry Peters, Erin Millions (former SJC Fellow) and Micheline Hughes (SJC Visiting Fellow) organized a writing retreat for graduate students on November 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm, held in the Senior Common Room, with coffee and snacks provided by the College.

### **Cram Night**

We will again be sponsoring Cram Night with the SJC Student Association, during the exam period. We provide some late night snacks in the Library, during extended hours. This year's event will be on December 11.

## **Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly/Council January 2020**

### **Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies**

Our visiting researcher this term is Dr. Rhonda Hinthier from Brandon University. Below is a description of the research she is currently working on at the College: (this can also be viewed on the SJC website)  
[http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_johns/programs/237.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/programs/237.html)

*I'm working on three major projects. My main preoccupation is a book manuscript on the history of leftist internment during WWII in Canada, much of which has a Western Canadian focus. The book examines this topic through the experiences of the Ukrainian-Jewish extended Walsh/Weir/Boyd/Steele family. A good portion of the Ukrainian side of the family was based on the prairies (either in a Kananaskis internment camp or in communities in Alberta and Manitoba). This book will close out this research project; other outcomes have included a SSHRC-funded workshop that grew into the co-edited book, *Civilian Internment in Canada: Histories and Legacies* (University of Manitoba Press, 2020) and two scholarly articles dealing with female political internees.*

*I am also working on two collaborative projects. The first is an "HBO-style" broadcast series I'm developing with a team of Winnipeg-based film and television professionals grounded in my past and ongoing research on the history of sex work in early twentieth century Winnipeg. This project is intersectional, pro-sex worker, and sex worker-centric, and it actively considers the impact of settler colonialism in shaping approaches to policing, vice 'containment,' women's economic circumstances, and sex work communities'*

*members' individual and collective responses (including their 'talking back' to authorities). The second project is a virtual reality interactive depicting life in Brandon, Manitoba's WWI-era internment camp. We are presently entering the third and final phase, which will involve the project's technical build.*

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### **Soup and Bread**

We will have three Soup and Bread lectures this semester. The first will be by one of our newest Fellows, Karine Levasseur (Political Studies): "More than Words: Medical Apology Legislation in Canada," January 28 at 11:45 a.m.

### **Opening of Term Reception**

Our start of term reception for Fellows and Staff was January 14, 2020.

### **Writing Tutor Program**

Against this term, the writing tutor is available in the library on Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00pm. Please share this information with students. A reminder that all students are able to access this service. They do not have to be SJC members.

### **Career Consultant Program**

We are continuing to provide drop-in career counselling every other Thursday in the library. Dates and times are posted around the College and circulation to the students. A representative from Career Services is also meeting with the student councils in January to discuss their needs and ideas.

### **Student Art Competition**

The submission deadline is **4:30 p.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup>**. The submissions will be showcased in The Daily Bread Café at St John's College. People's Choice ballots will be available on **March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.** in The Daily Bread Café. Winners will be announced at a public reception on **March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in The Daily Bread Café.

### **Student Music Competition**

This year we are hosting our first student music competition, which is being organized by Kurt Markstrom (SJC Fellows) and Laura Loewen, from the Faculty of Music. The competition is in March. A final recital and reception will take place here in the College. I will provide more details in a later report.

### **Renewing art exhibits in the Quiet Room**

Our Art Fellow, Liv Valmestad, who joined the College last year, is interested in renewing an older tradition at SJC of hosting art exhibits in the Quiet Room. We are currently in the planning stages for an exhibit of Liv's own most recent exhibition, which has also been shown in the Icelandic Reading Room at UM, and in Minneapolis. We will tentatively hang Liv's work on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and hopefully leave it up for viewing for about a month. I will send more information to members of Council and Assembly, so that you can go and see Liv's work.

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council  
November 2019

## **Fundraising**

- The Fall campaign is mostly out and have received positive response.
- Total raised to date is \$127,361
- There is a stock transfer coming in – not sure of the amount but it is directed to a operating fund.

## **Capital Campaign**

- Continuing to work with the Development Committee to put policy and procedures in place.
- Inviting people to be a part of the campaign cabinet
- Visited the Co-Chair in Toronto with positive results
- Hiring a consultant to help with the Campaign materials, etc.

## **Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Chris and I were in Toronto during the week of 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November for alumni/donor visits – these were very successful.

## **Special Events**

- The Friends of St John's College Convocation luncheon was sold-out. Timing will be reviewed next year.

## **Marketing/Communications**

- The latest issue of In Lumine is being prepared. As it will include convocation it will not be mailed until January.
- Working on the Christmas e-newsletter.

## **Staffing**

- We were successful in our Work Study bid and have hired Anne Espino. Anne is a marketing student in the Asper School of Business and is helping us with our communications needs.

## **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.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom  
18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Development Officer Report to Council  
January 2020

## **Fundraising**

- We moved our fundraising database to the Cloud and it is quite the learning curve for us.
- The annual appeal response seems to be comparable to previous years.

- We received a stock transfer to go into an endowed operating fund. \$25,880 was transferred to the College from the UofM.
- Another donor has asked for the stock transfer form – we don't know when or how much but it is to the New Residence.

### **Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Chris and I will be travelling to Vancouver on 17<sup>th</sup> February. We are in the process of inviting alumni to attend a reunion.
- Chris and I will be in Ottawa at the beginning of March and will visit with Alumni/friends.
- I will be in England in April visiting family and will set up a few visits there too.

### **Special Events**

- Lunch and Lively is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> February with Dale Barbour speaking on River talks. He was the Canadian Studies Visiting Fellow in the Fall term.
- Planning in progress for the successor to Bach's Birthday which is a music competition. The three finalists will perform in the Chapel on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- After receiving positive feedback from a facebook post we are planning a Residence Banquet reunion – likely from 80s to 00s. Amy Craddock, event coordinator, will be the liaison person and is currently putting together a Committee of interested alumni to organize this.

### **Marketing/Communications**

- The current issue of In Lumine is being mailed out.

### **Staffing**

- Our Work-Study student, Anne Espanole is working out very well.
- Waiting to hear about the Canada Summer jobs application deadline.

### **Capital Campaign**

- Working with Katarina Kupca on the Capital Campaign and she is to present to Council at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom  
15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

iv) Dean of Residence

No report

v) Chaplain

No report

vi) Bursar

**Bursar's Report to Council November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

## **Financial**

At the end of the second quarter each year our financial statements have two important indicators – Food Services and Conferences and Summer Residence.

At the end of September, Food Services is \$15,393 ahead of the previous September year to date surplus, and Conferences and Summer Residence exceeded our budgeted surplus by \$1,891. Residence regular session has only just begun so those numbers aren't as revealing but we began the term fully occupied so that also bodes well moving forward. You can view the rest of the numbers in the included September 2019 Budget Summary. The forecast for the rest of the year is positive.

## **Administration**

There are several staff updates I would like to draw your attention to:

Diana Defoort is currently on a medical leave. Her long-term status has still not been determined. Thankfully, all of the year's scholarships and bursaries were awarded while she was still here, and during this time the rest of the administrative staff are contributing to the work that needs to be done in her absence.

Fayaz Hasan is also currently on leave. Unfortunately, Fayaz has been given (in our opinion), an unfair ruling on his application for Permanent Residence status due to a technicality that could have been resolved had he been informed of the issue. Instead his application was simply denied. We are optimistic this issue will be resolved, but at this moment he is ineligible to work in Canada. I am acting as the Dean in his absence, and the Dons have been a great help to me during this time. The rest of the administrative staff have also been very helpful.

After 15 years of dedicated and invaluable service to the College, our Assistant Bursar Elnora Wiebe is retiring. Her last official day is November 30<sup>th</sup>. The College (and I), will miss her expertise and commitment to her work. We are very grateful for the significant contribution she has made to the success of the College and want to express our heartfelt appreciation. Thankfully, Elnora has chosen to ease herself into retirement and as such will be working part-time 2 days/week assisting with clerical/accounting work.

On the recommendation of a hiring committee consisting of Christ Trott, Jackie Markstrom, Amy Craddock and myself, Nick Procyshyn has been selected as our new Assistant Bursar. Nick has spent the last 4.5 years as a Finance Officer at the Manitoba Metis Federation, and we are excited to have him join the College Administrative Staff. We received approximately 40 applications for this position, and we interviewed 3 very qualified candidates. His start date is November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bursar's Report to Council January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

### **Financial**

The Finance & Administration Committee passed a motion recommending Council approve the budget parameters for 2020-21 instructing administration to strike a balanced budget excluding the Capital Campaign. Work on the draft budget, as well as setting the new residence rates for September will begin in February.

## **Residence**

We had 5 students move out at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> term, but those rooms were quickly filled by people we had on our waiting list, so the residence remains full. There were approximately 25 students who stayed over the holiday closure, and 3 winter dons who did a great job of monitoring the residence.

There have already been inquiries from students about summer residence, and we've had contact with some of our summer conference groups about booking blocks of rooms which is a good sign that we will again be busy over the summer term.

## **Administration**

In discussions with Human Resources, it's been determined that we can move forward with filling the position of Awards Clerk. The College has had to hold that position open in the event that Diana Defoort was able to return from her medical leave, but we no longer are obligated to do so based on feedback received from Great West Life. We hope to begin that hiring process shortly.

Fayaz Hasan remains on leave, waiting for his immigration status to be re-instated. The Federal Immigration website is currently listing the wait time at 100 days which means we can expect his application to be process by the end of January, barring any further delays. The College (and me personally), are very much looking forward to having him back as the Dean of Residence.

Nick Procyshyn is settling into his new position as Assistant Bursar very well, and has been a great addition to the General Office staff. He continues to work with Elnora Wiebe who is here 10 hours/week, learning the position and working with her on that transition.

### vii) Registrar

#### Registrar's Report November 2019

October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 pm was Evening of Excellence at the UofM. This is an orientation evening for grade 12 students who are expected to apply for early admission, and their parents. Once again, it was a good evening, many people stopping by the booth to talk. It was a great introduction to the College for many people. Much thanks to Makenzie Taylor, Susanne Schwickart, and Olivia MacDonald for working our booth.

The 153<sup>rd</sup> annual Convocation was on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, it was a successful event with approximately 45 of our Scholarship, Bursary, and Award recipients attending, and 10 graduates. Thank you to all who attended, and the staff for all the work they did to make it a success, and to the student volunteers.

On Friday, November 1, I gave a presentation to the Manitoba Advising Professionals on Academic Coaching in the Advising Setting, at their annual conference. This is an annual conference for Post-Secondary Academic Advisors from across the province.

On Thursday, November 4, Fellows Erin Millions, Micheline Hughes, and myself facilitated a grad student writing retreat in the Senior Common Room. Five grad students attended, three of whom made use of my coaching for assistance. Attendees had a productive day, and would love to see more of these retreats.

The next big recruitment event for us will be the University Open House in February.

Sherry Peters  
Registrar

Registrar's Report  
January 2020

Scholarship season has begun and I have started fielding questions regarding applications and eligibility.

I completed the Letter of Accomplishment in Academic Advising through CHERD here at the University of Manitoba's Extended Education Faculty, and have received my parchment.

The next big recruitment event for us will be the University Open House in February.

Sherry Peters  
Registrar

viii) Senior Stick

No report

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned

BJ. James / M. Hughes

CARRIED

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< Residence rendering inside >

*The St John's College residence is special and unique, and helps students succeed.*

*Far more than a bed, and a dorm.*

*A home away from home.*

*Part of a family.*

*People who care about students, support them and walk beside them.*

We know it's difficult for you to imagine, but students have come to our residence from dangerous circumstances. Some have been sleeping in their cars. Many have been in dangerously over-crowded rooming houses. And one student was recently found sleeping in the corner of our chapel when she was brought into the St John's Residence.

St John's provides more than rooms and space. It provides what the larger, more impersonal University does not - a true home away from home, and a nurturing environment where students are cared for and supported so that they can thrive.

Now, this oasis and this unique model of support are at risk, and so are many students. You can help. These students need you.

The current St John's College residence is worn down, and in a few years will not be able to accommodate students.

Right now, demand for residence bed on campus, well exceeds those available.

You can help students by building a new residence – a much better residence – to continue to support students and provide much-needed housing at the centre of the University of Manitoba campus.

*“Residence life was a unique and enriching experience. It was all about fellowship. So many activities and events brought us residence people together. We learned about each other and bonded by sharing and caring.*

*Now, 53 years later, two teachings stand out. The first is that living in residence was the foundation for building friendships. Today I have a group of “Res” friends who have been loyal and supportive of me all these years.*

*The other is that the SJC Residence is an institution within an institution. Through it, I came to understand and appreciate SJC's role in society—locally, provincially, nationally and world wide. This has made many of us Res people want to stay in touch and give back.*

*Thank you SJC. You have enriched my life.”*

- Ted Gammon, Class of '67 < INSERT PHOTO TO ACCOMPANY QUOTE >

### **The new St John's College Residence. A new era of building community.**

Like you, St John's College has been creating and strengthening community. The College has been doing it for more than 150 years.

St John's College was established in 1866 as the first English post-secondary educational institution in Western Canada. More than just bricks and mortar, the College was built on a foundation of caring about people academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually that has shaped the way the College has treated every student since. No where is that more the case than in residence, where students are family.

Over its 154-year history, St John's College has provided high-quality education for thousands of students. Many have called the College home, as residents or as members taking advantage of the peaceful and nurturing environment where they can study, share lessons and stories, and build lifelong friendships.

Founded in the Anglican tradition and English College spirit, acceptance and respect for one another remain guiding principles at St John's College. The College values rigorous intellectual inquiry and is inclusive of all faiths and ideas.

This holistic view of students – of seeing them for who they are, of truly caring about them and of meeting their needs individually – works, and is the guiding principle of the residence.

College members have won countless national and international awards and scholarships. There are 17 Rhodes Scholars associated with St John's College as either Fellows or students. St John's students make up 3% of the University population, yet they have won 18% of the leadership and academic awards.

And, most importantly, College students have gone on to impact communities around the world in non-profit, business and public-service spheres. College members are leaders and connectors.

In today's complex world, it takes more than excellent education to build a successful and meaningful life. Rapid advances in technology, major cultural shifts, deepening concern for the planet, and information overload can all combine to make young people feel overwhelmed, detached, or isolated.

The new residence will sustain the heart of the St John's College experience and allow for the ongoing nurturing and growth of success of students, and the whole community.

They need what you already have. They need caring and compassion. They need a sense of community and a place where nurturing and mutual support are modelled every day.

St John's College is an island in the hustle-and-bustle of today's University of Manitoba campus. It is a safe and welcoming place that helps set people of all cultures and faiths on their paths toward strong careers and fulfilling lives. It does this by walking beside them, or, by helping them up.

*"St Johns College Residence is where I found a family, a community and a home far away from anything I knew. Living in residence was the best experience of my university life. This place helped me greatly to grow up and thrive at my undergraduate and graduate studies providing the perfect balance between school, friends, community and sports. As an international student this was the perfect way to integrate to Canada."*

- Viridiana Urena, Class of '13 < INSERT PHOTO TO ACCOMPANY QUOTE >

### **The heart of St John's College – its residence**

The St John's College residence is the heart and home of this nurturing community. Here, diverse people are united in friendship and nurtured by the College's Deans, the Chaplain, Fellows and advisors, who are always at the ready to provide support and guidance. It operates much like a family.

While the current building needs to be replaced, we need to preserve the supportive atmosphere provided by residence - a peaceful sanctuary, offering a safe, quiet home away from home to live, study, commune and reflect. This is critical.

The St John's College residence strengthens, supports, and carries forward the College's traditions of respect and caring. Students in residence experience the life-enriching power of being in a caring community and helping to build it. This is an experience that equips and inspires them to connect with others and nurture people long after they've left university.

*"I lived in three residences at the University before I moved to the St John's Residence. Once I was there, I felt I found a place I belonged and lived there for the rest of my student life. As it's a small residence of 100 students, I was connected to almost every student, every year. After I graduated, I did not want to leave St John's behind. I became the Dean of Residence so I could help continue to provide students with connection and community. I have found my home at St John's College, a unique community."*

- Fayaz Hasan, Dean of Residence, Class of '16 < INSERT PHOTO TO ACCOMPANY QUOTE >

### **Need for a new residence**

The existing 100-room St John's College residence has been serving students and families for 60 years. While the College's values of caring remain strong, the ability to support fully everyone in its resident community in the existing facility is challenging.

The facility is not accessible, which means some people must be turned away. Rooms cannot meet students' needs in terms of space or technology. Nor are there even enough electrical outlets for

today's wired world. The building does not meet current codes and it is not at all energy (and therefore cost) efficient. The walls, roof and windows are all seeping heat and energy.

St John's College has carefully explored and costed two options - retrofitting and renovating the existing building and a new building - to expand the residence's capacity and accessibility. It is now clear that the only way forward for both meeting students' needs and being environmentally responsible is building a new residence.

The new St John's College residence will serve students and the community well into the future.

As with all St John's College plans, preserving a caring, family culture is at the core of this project. The design, by Winnipeg's Ft3 Architecture, is stunning, iconic, and welcoming, befitting the College's history, values and vision. This \$25-million project will provide:

- Upgraded rooms for single students, as well as apartments for families. This will ensure students have adequate space, privacy, and comfort to support their mental and physical wellness and academic success.
- Fully physical accessibility rooms and washrooms on each floor, so the spaces can welcome students, their families, and their friends.
- Small-group rooms and shared spaces to help students gather, mingle and develop strong support networks built on shared experiences.
- Welcoming and inclusive indoor and outdoor public spaces that encourage students from across the University of Manitoba campus to learn, share, and grow together in community.
- An energy-efficient, net-zero building that does not emit any greenhouse gas, contributing to efforts to combat climate change. This first-of-its-kind building on the Prairies underscores St John's College's value to protect our shared earth.
- Expanded conference, catering and food service facilities to ensure a source of healthy food options for students as well as ongoing, sustainable revenue for the College.
- More efficient use of the space, allowing the St John's College properties to be more cost-effective through shared services and utilities, while preserving land for meeting potential future needs.

“One of the great things about being Warden is that I get to meet the Alumni and hear their stories. Those with the richest and fondest memories lived in our residence.

While there are many stories of the pranks that took place, there are many more of how fellow students, the teaching Fellows, and the staff helped our students find their path. Without this support they feel they would not have succeeded.

We continue this tradition of caring and support today. The unique combination of vigorous studies with personal nurturing could only happen in the warm environment we provide. Don't let us lose this special gift we have to offer each and every student. Please renew the heart of our College with a new residence!"

- Chris Trott, Warden < INSERT PHOTO TO ACCOMPANY QUOTE >

**You can give young people the best possible support and a strong foundation as they prepare to build meaningful lives in our ever-changing world.**

St John's College has always been a leader in promoting respect for others and the earth. In the new College residence, students will still be supported and nurtured in a community based on respect for others and the planet.

The new residence is also essential for St John's College to be even more of a convener in the broader University of Manitoba community.

The plans are drawn, but launching this new era of community building is only possible with you.

We invite you to consider making a significant donation to build the new St John's College residence – a safe, supportive new home for students, a welcoming place, a centre for the community.

You will be creating a nurturing home for our future leaders and connecting people from around the world through values of respect and caring.

We promise that your gift will be transformational – for students, for community, for the College, for the future.

*"...one night as I lay in my room, I realized that somebody paid for the bed I was on. Someone gave to furnish that room. For the bricks and the plumbing and the roof over my head, and the heads of a hundred other students. For the scholarship and the bursaries I received and also one time when I needed some emergency money. It also occurred to me that I was very likely never to meet them in person. Thank you. What a gift."*

- Marcus Steeds, Class of '03 < INSERT PHOTO TO ACCOMPANY QUOTE >

# St John's College

## 2020/2021 Assembly Meeting Dates

### Assembly Executive

(Warden, Dean of Studies, Chair of Assembly, four members elected by and from Assembly and a student)

Tuesday	September 15, 2020	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	November 3, 2020	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	January 12, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 27, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.

### Assembly

Diocesan Council representatives on SJC Council are members of SJC Assembly.

Tuesday	September 22, 2020	@ 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 18, 2020	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	January 19, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 17, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	May 4, 2021	@ 2:30 p.m.

# St John's College

## 2020/2021 Council Meeting Dates

### Council Executive

(Chancellor, Warden, Dean of Studies, Chair of Council and Chair of Assembly).

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### Council

Diocesan Council representatives on SJC Council are members of SJC Assembly.

Wednesday	September 30, 2020	@ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	November 25, 2020	@ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	January 27, 2021	@ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	March 24, 2021	@ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	May 19, 2021	@ 5:30 pm

**St John's College**  
**Warden's Report to Council**  
**May 20, 2020**

It has been a long time since Council met and in the meantime our world has been turned upside down. This report then reflects the pre-COVID activities where there were a lot of meetings and travel and the "stay at home" where all activities take place in front of a computer. Like most faculty, I had to scramble to move my course on-line, and in the process recorded a series of 13 lectures that were posted through the UMLearn system, as well as coping with the high levels of student stress. End of term marking had a different level of challenge this year.

I continue to participate in the committees of the College such as Membership, Honorary Degrees, and Administration and Finance in person prior to the lock down and now on Zoom. I also continue to be active on the Board of the Rupert's Land News and the Anglican-Mennonite dialogue.

This term the College offered two courses in conjunction with Canadian Mennonite University. The Rev. Andrew Rampton is offering "The Eucharist in Anglican Liturgical History" (9 participants) and Dr. Graham MacFarlane is offering "The Christian Life – an Anglican account" (18 participants) at St Margaret's Church. We have renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with CMU for these courses. CMU is suggesting, and I agree, that we move into an ongoing MOU with them rather than continuing on a course-by-course basis. Our Spring course on Indigenous Theologies has been cancelled, and we are looking to planning for the Fall term.

- 1) Chaired the University of Manitoba Press Board, November 21
- 2) Attended Diocesan Council, November 23
- 3) Attended the Ordination of Deacons, November 23
- 4) Attended the Bishop's Dinner, November 26
- 5) Attended Equity and Diversity Training, November 28
- 6) Attended Food for the Journey, November 30
- 7) Attended the Faculty Family Christmas Party, December 7
- 8) Attended Residence Christmas Banquet, December 7
- 9) Participated in the Advent Carol Service, December 8
- 10) Attended Provost's Council, December 12
- 11) Examined MSW Thesis Proposal, December 17
- 12) Participated in Boxing Day Feast in Residence, December 26
- 13) Attended Native Studies Department Meeting, January 3
- 14) Attended Desmond Connor's Memorial, January 10
- 15) Meeting with the Principal of Booth University College, January 13
- 16) Meeting with the Sexual Violence Resource Centre, January 14
- 17) Chaired University of Manitoba Press Board, January 15
- 18) Attended Food for the Journey, January 18
- 19) Attended Ordinations to Priesthood, January 18
- 20) Attended Agency Fundholders Breakfast with the Winnipeg Foundation, January 23
- 21) Hosted the Sistema Fundraiser at the College, February 2
- 22) Attended Senior Executive Retreat and lecture with Robin DiAngelo, February 6
- 23) Examined MA Thesis in Political Studies, February 14

- 24) Attended Jack Bumsted Memorial Service, February 15
- 25) Alumni and donor visits in Vancouver and Victoria, February 17-22
- 26) Taught Indigenous Awareness Training for Librarians, February 26
- 27) Examined PhD dissertation in Peace and Conflict Studies, February 27
- 28) Taught Indigenous Awareness for Diocese of Rupert's Land, Feb 27, Mar 19, 26, Apr 2, 16, 23, 30
- 29) Attended Diocesan Council, February 29
- 30) Alumni and donor visits in Ottawa, March 2
- 31) SSHRC Partnership Grant Assessment Committee, March 3-5
- 32) Attended Art Competition Reception, March 11
- 33) Attended Mrs. Totten's Memorial in Toronto, March 12
- 34) Attended Diocesan Council, ZOOM, March 21
- 35) Chaired U of M Press Board Meeting, ZOOM, April 15

I would like to thank Profs. Christiana Penner and Jennifer Dueck for taking over the organization and running of the College Family Christmas Party. I would also like to thank the Rev. Andrew Rampton for organizing the Christmas dinner in Residence. It encourages me that the younger members of the College are taking over some of the initiatives I started.

Finally, I would like to note that for the first time since I became Warden I was able to complete and submit an academic article.

## Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly/Council May 2020

When the Covid-19 outbreak led to the cancellation of classes in early March, and then full closure of the university, we had to cancel a number of events, including a Soup and Bread Lecture by Annette Desmarais, the End of Term Reception, and, sadly our inaugural Music Competition finale. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on preparation for these and other College activities that we couldn't carry through – at least not yet.

We also have two retirements from the College this term that we have not been able to recognize, Barry Ferguson and Dianna Brydon. We were to have raised a glass in their honour at the End of Term Reception. I do hope that circumstances will allow us, at another time, to say 'goodbye' to our colleagues and celebrate with them their long careers at UM, and their time with us at St John's. We will miss them.

I also want to say farewell to Jill Stafford, from the Development Office, who has retired in the midst of a pandemic! Jill has often invited Fellows to present their research to alumni and other friends of the College, thus promoting the work that we do here, and building connections between our faculty, senior graduate students, Visiting Researchers, and the broader College community. Thank you, Jill.

### Membership Committee

This year, we had a number of applications for Fellowship. The Membership Committee met virtually to consider those, and we are putting forward a motion today recommending the election of three new College Fellows:

**Caroline Piotrowski** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences. She is the Director of the UM Violence and Injury Prevention Research Group, and is affiliated with the Children's Hospital Research Institution of Manitoba. Her research focuses on trauma and resilience, particularly in children and families. Her recent publications include work on the impact of intimate partner violence on children, family and child coping mechanisms in dealing with serious chronic disease, and child perspectives on the use of bicycle helmets and car booster seats.

**Anne Lindsay** is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of History, under the supervision of Prof. Adele Perry. She completed her candidacy exams in 2019. She also has an MA in Archival Studies. Anne was the Research and Access Archivist for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for three years, and is currently a Consultant for the University of British Columbia, Indian Residential Schools History and Dialogue Centre.

**Shelisa Klassen** is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of History, under the supervision of Prof. Adele Perry. Her doctoral research focuses on the discourse around

immigration in Red River and Winnipeg in the 1870s, an almost entirely Indigenous space that was radically transformed by the immigration of settlers and displacement of Métis and First Nations peoples by the end of the decade. Shelisa is a very active member of the History Department, with significant committee and organizing experience.

Dean of Studies Research Leave

I am on Research Leave from July 1 through December 31, 2020. Susan Close has generously agreed to act as Dean while I am away. Thank you, Susan.

**Be well, everyone! We will have double the camaraderie-building to do when we physically return to SJC.**

Development Officer Report to Council  
May 2020

**Fundraising**

- Last fiscal year we raised a total of \$293,754.
- We received a grant from the Cropo Foundation for Chapel linens in the amount of \$1,000.
- Shirlee Anne Smith died and has included a gift to the College in her estate, as did Grace Nunn. Shirlee Anne received an honorary degree and Grace was married to Lawrie Wilmot.
- Several asks were sent out requesting donations to emergency funding for students. This was very successful with over \$11,000 received. Thank you to the Council members for stepping up to the plate and helping our students.

**Alumni/Stewardship**

- Working with Chris and Andrew to ensure that we connect with most of our alumni and donors either via email or phone.

**Special Events**

All special events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

**Marketing/Communications**

- Three E-Newsletters have been emailed out to all SJC members. They seem to have been well received.

**Staffing**

- Anne Espino, will be our Work Study student for the summer. Her start date was 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Applied to Canada Summer jobs for a grant for the 2020 summer student. We will find out in early May if we have been successful.
- Jill Stafford has retired. Given the current circumstances we will wait to fill this position.
- Elnora Wiebe has taken on the task of inputting donations, generating tax receipts and reports.

**Capital Campaign**

- Phone meeting with the consultant, Kat Kupca, on a weekly basis.
- The Case for Support was distributed for your information.
- Identifying potential cabinet members.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jackie Markstrom  
12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

## **Chaplain's Report to SJC Council 20 May 2020**

The suspension of worship and shutdown of campus has meant significant changes and challenges for the function of the chaplaincy, as with all parts of the college. Unsurprisingly, there is no list of events or meetings to present, though the chaplaincy is not without activity:

- Writing regular pastoral letters for the college membership
- Maintaining contacts with staff, fellows, and students to check in and provide support at a distance
- Cooperating alumni and supporters of the college, with direction of the Development Office, to provide updates on the college's response to the current pandemic and maintain relationships
- Planning for programming and scheduling for the 2020-21 year, realizing that there will be many challenges and constraints on what is possible
- Participating in Sunday morning worship for the diocese as the chaplain of St John's College, livestreamed from diocesan office

## **Bursars' Report to Council May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **Financial**

Clearly, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the College. Since March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the only revenues we have had coming into the College budget have been residence fees. Despite all classes moving online, we maintained an occupancy level of approximately 79% through to the end of the term. This is largely due to the international students in our residence. We continue to have approximately 50 students in our residence as we start the summer term. This continued albeit diminished revenue stream will assist us in continuing to be able to pay our staff.

We have not laid anyone off yet and will retain staff for as long as we are able. All discretionary spending has been halted and we are monitoring our cash flows. The College was able to take advantage of the \$40,000 small business loan program through RBC, which will remain interest free if we pay it back by 2021. And if we do, \$10,000 of that loan will be forgiven. We are also utilizing the 10% temporary wage subsidy. Currently, we are unable to take advantage of the Federal CEWS Program because we are very broadly classified as an education institution which lumps us in with other publicly funded entities like the University of Manitoba. Our position is that our public funding is indirect through the university, is a very small part of our overall budget, and that all of the salaries and wages we would be putting forward to be subsidized by 75% is completely separate from any university funds, and is paid for exclusively by College revenues from our College operations (residence, food services, etc.). I have made this case to CRA who is now reviewing our file, and also with the senior tax consultant at BDO Canada (our auditing firm) who is going to raise this issue in the weekly meeting he has with CRA. He feels we should qualify. We will continue to pursue this option.

The University of Manitoba, at the request of the Provincial Government, was required to develop scenarios that envisioned workforce cuts of 10, 20, and 30% from May – August. St John's was required to participate in this exercise, and we have done so. Our submission achieved this goal by not hiring for the vacant Awards Clerk position. This would allow us to retain the rest of our university staff at full capacity. We have not yet had a response from the University.

Our audit is set to begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We continue to work on our year end statements and prepare for the audit. BDO Canada is planning for the audit to take place remotely, with no on-site presence.

As is the case for everyone these days, everything is new and unprecedented. We will continue to monitor our financial situation and do our best to adapt to the ever-changing landscape safely, and as successfully as we can.

### **Residence**

As I alluded to previously, we currently have 50 students staying in residence. They continue to social distance and do whatever they can to stay safe in relatively close quarters. Our food service operations have adapted to provide a great service safely, and with minimal contact. Students eat their meals in their rooms for the most part, although some remain in the dining room (one student per table). Our housekeeping staff is keeping everything clean. Residence life is inherently social, so this has been a huge adjustment for the students. But they have been willing to change their behaviour and are taking the circumstances seriously. Many have unexpected financial needs, and we have been able to meet a

lot of those needs through the incredible generosity of alumni, fellows, and staff. This has been great to see.

### **Staff**

We are all pulling together to work together. Our food service and housekeeping staff have been amazing. Our Dons in the residence have really risen to the occasion. And the admin staff are staying in touch and collaborating on projects that could use some extra attention. Things like a complete audit of our website, and re-imagining and re-establishing our Annual Report.



# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Registrar's Report  
May 2020

Thursday, February 20, was the U of M Open House recruitment event. Traffic was fairly steady throughout both the day and evening sessions with students and parents very interested in what the College has to offer. We also had a separate information session for the students of St John's Ravenscourt that afternoon which also went very well.

Soon after that, everything changed due to COVID-19. I was scheduled to attend the Brandon Career Symposium from April 20 – 22 but that was cancelled. I have yet to hear what will happen with the Next Steps day which is usually the first Saturday of June in which parents and their first-year students have an orientation on campus and is a good event for us.

April 1 was the deadline for scholarship and bursary applications. I received 455 Applications from 92 Applicants. 23 of the applicants are International students and 16 of the applicants are Permanent Residents. 1 Applicant is a refugee. 1 student applied for 26 scholarships and bursaries and 1 student applied for 24 scholarships and bursaries. 91 of the applications received are for the July 31 deadline.

I continue with website updates and the annual report.

Additionally, I have been asked by Student Life to be a part of the Emerging Leaders Awards Selection Committee. I have received 11 applications for review by May 28, which I am quite excited about.

Sherry Peters  
Registrar