

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Agenda
For the Meeting of September 30, 2020
Meeting from 6:00pm via Zoom

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the May 20, 2020 Minutes
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. New Business
 - a) Election of Chair of Council
 - b) Capital Campaign Update – Kat Kupca
 - c) Operations Update
 - d) Audited Financial Statements
 - e) Appointment of Auditors
 - f) Financial Update
 - g) Hiring Update:
 - a. Chaplain
 - b. Awards Clerk
 - c. Development Coordinator
 - d. Warden Search
 - h) Motion to postpone Convocation
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 May 20, 2020
Meeting from 6:00pm via Zoom

Present: C. Trott, P. Cloutier (Chair), I. Froese, S. Peters (Secretary), J. Markstrom, J. James, J. McConnell, H. Enns, M. Minor, B. Pope, C. Loewen, P. Brass, G. Woodcroft, J. Ripley, A. Rampton, J. Weimer, M. Hughes, K. Leung, L. Wilkinson
Special Guest: K. Kupca
Regrets: E. Jones

1. Opening Prayer
The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
J. McConnell / C. Trott
CARRIED
3. Approval of the January 22, 2020 Minutes
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 22 be approved as distributed.
J. McConnell / P. Brass
CARRIED
4. Business arising from the Minutes
None
5. New Business
 - a) Report from Katarina Kupca with Case for Support
The text for the case for support was sent around to Council. Please send changes via email to the Warden by May 25, 2020. The list for potential donors is in the works. A draft of the list was shared with Council during the meeting. Katarina opened discussion up for suggestions of others who should be added to the list. The Warden informed Council that for many of the names on the list, we need introductions to them so if you know anyone personally and can make that introduction, please let the Warden and the Development Officer know. Please also consider who else should be on the list. The Chair asked about the progress in setting up the Campaign Cabinet. Katarina stated that it is going a little slower than we would like largely in part because of the COVID-19 situation. She wants to make sure we have the material down before we ask people to become formally involved in the campaign. The Chair asked what the next step should be and what Council can expect in September. Conversations with potential volunteers and cabinet will hopefully be largely in place by the September meeting.
 - b) Report on College Finances – The Bursar began by saying there are some preliminary March numbers, nothing ready to distribute, but we ended the last fiscal year on a good note which means we came into the shutdown of campus in as good a position as we can expect at this time. Of course, with the closure of campus, we are taking a hit. There is no catering at this time. The residence is still half full for the summer and the students are being safely housed and fed. They are socially distancing, the housekeeping is stepping up the cleaning. Food is served on pre-prepared plates and taken to the student's room. We are only spending on the basics of salaries, food supplies and cleaning supplies. We have not laid anyone off and we are doing our best to keep everyone working. Admin Staff are working from home and the work of the College carries on as normally as possible. We took advantage of the small business loan from the Canadian government, looking to also take advantage of the wage subsidy because we are separate from the U of M and not publically funded, not for the wages we are looking to have subsidized. BDO is advocating on our behalf for the loans and wage subsidies but right now we

are operating on the basis that we will not receive the subsidy. We still have access to our investment funds. If cash is available, we are asking our investment firm not to invest it at this time in case it is needed.

- c) Honorary Degrees
MOTION: That Council move into closed session.
J. McConnell / J. Ripley
CARRIED
MOTION: That Council move out of closed session.
C. Trott / J. Ripley
In closed session Council elected Art Miki and Geoff James to receive the honorary degree of Doctor Canon Law (honoris causa) for the 2020 November convocation.
- c) Warden Search Committee – The Warden has submitted his letter of retirement to the Chancellor. Assembly has struck a search committee for a new Warden. One of the members of the committee needs to be one of the Diocesan representatives on Council. The Chancellor nominated Bill Pope to the committee.
- d) Membership Statistics – The Registrar presented the membership statistics to Council for information.
- e) Meeting Dates for Upcoming Academic Year – The Registrar presented the meeting dates for the upcoming academic year. MOTION: That Council adopt the meeting dates for the upcoming academic year.
J. McConnell / H. Enns
CARRIED

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council

- a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
Council Executive met on March 10 to discuss the March meeting which was subsequently cancelled and met again to set the agenda for tonight's meeting.
Development has not met since the last meeting due to social distancing. The case for support has not been shared yet with the committee
Finance & Admin will be sharing the pre-audit report and preparing to adopt it.
- f) Report from Assembly
- c) Reports from College Officers and Student Council
 - i) Warden

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.

ii) Dean of Studies

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.

iii) Development Office

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 11th 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.

iv) Dean of Residence

See the Bursar's Report

v) Chaplain

**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

vi) Bursar

Bursars' Report to Council May 20th, 2020

Financial

Clearly, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the College. Since March 23rd, 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 15th. 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.

vii) Registrar

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

viii) Senior Stick

7. Other Business

Bursar expressed thanks to Paul for service on Council and on Finance & Admin.

MOTION: Council expresses our profound thanks to Paul for 3 years of service.

C. Trott / J. James

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

G. Woodcroft / J. James

CARRIED

St John's College
Warden's Report to Council
September 2020

There have been three overarching concerns since we last met in May: 1) government-imposed budget reductions on the University. This was a very difficult struggle during May, but in the end the College was able to cover our share of the cuts through reductions in office supplies, travel and the like. We did not have to lay anyone off or lose positions. 2) the University has made two serious attempts to shut down our residence which I have resisted. I have yet to play our trump card which is that the residence is entirely owned and operated by the College and they have no say in the matter. 3) the planning for and submission of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 recovery plans.

My other activities include:

- 1) Working on the search committee for a new editor for the Rupert's Land News
- 2) 4 webinars on online teaching and Microsoft Teams
- 3) Attended the Zoom retirement party for Fred Shore, May 21
- 4) Taught online for the Indigenous Awareness Summer Institute, May 26
- 5) Participated in the Anglican-Mennonite dialogue, May 29, 30
- 6) Participated in Equity Diversity and Inclusion webinar, June 2
- 7) Attended Provost's Council, June 11
- 8) Participated in Zoom conference on Racism and the Church, June 13
- 9) Met with the committee to work on consolidating the Anglican Archives in Rupert's Land, June 23
- 10) Chaired the U of M Press Board, June 23
- 11) Attended Senate and special meetings of Senate, June 24, August 5, September 2
- 12) Attended two meetings of the sub-committee to look at Indigenous Representation on University governance, July 15, July 20
- 13) Examined a M.A. thesis in religion, August 6
- 14) Chaired the defence of a M.A. in Native Studies, August 13
- 15) Examined a M.S.W. thesis, August 13
- 16) Attended Arts Faculty Council, August 26
- 17) Attended Native Studies Department Retreat, September 3, 4
- 18) Alumni visit to Falcon Lake, September 8
- 19) Alumni visit to Selkirk, September 14.
- 20) Gave a paper at and attended the "Indigenous and Anglican in the Diocese of Rupert's Land" Conference, September 16, 17
- 21) Hosted the Wilmot Lecture given by the Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred – we had 94 participants on the Zoom call, the largest attendance to date.

During this time, we have also been working on searches for a new Chaplain as well as the Development Coordinator. There have been a number of meetings with Jackie, Kat Kupca

and myself concerning the capital campaign as well as meetings with major donors. I have had three meetings with the new President.

Acting Dean of Studies Report to SJC Council:

I am currently A/ Dean of Studies while Dr. Esyllt Jones is on Research leave for the Fall Term 2020. As well, I am also Associate Dean (Academic) and Chair of the Environmental Design Program for the Faculty of Architecture for the 2020-21 Academic year (1-year term position). Some of the committees, activities and meetings I am involved with relate to both of these positions, such as the Associate Dean Undergraduate Committee.

Here is a list of activities undertaken this summer and fall that relate to my role as A/Dean of Studies:

Committees Attended:

Associate Dean Undergraduate Committee: September 4

SJC Scholarship Committee Meeting: July 26 Reviewed scholarship applications, discussed and selected recipients

U of M Workshops Attended:

Orientation for Dept. Heads

Orientation for New Administrators

Remote Teaching Workshop at CATL

Meetings:

SJC Staff meeting: September 1

SJC Assembly Executive meeting: September 15

SJC Council Executive meeting: September 15

SJC Assembly: September 22

Reception:

Human Rights Centre for Adele Perry: September 22

Training:

Learning how to use basics of various online Platforms including Microsoft Teams and Zoom

Learned basics about reading Excel spreadsheets

Learned basics about Office 365 and Outlook

Other:

Prepared video clip on the role of the Dean of Studies for JumpStart: September 9 for September 12 JumpStart.

Development Officer Report to Council
September 2020

Fundraising

- To date raised: \$16,514.
- Working on the Annual Appeal.
- There are two estates that should be coming in over the next 6 months.
- There is a \$50k gift due to come in for the New Residence over the next 6 months.

Alumni/Stewardship

- Have been visiting with a few alumni/donors with Chris and Andrew
- Continuing to make phone call and email connections to alumni/donors.
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Special Events

All special events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Consideration is being given to hosting the Lunch and Lively via a zoom call.

Marketing/Communications

- Consideration is being given to a Fall Update Newsletter and currently working on a Fall issue of the In Lumine.

Staffing

- We have applied and were successful in receiving a Work Study placement this Fall term. Applications are still being received.
- We have advertised for the position of Development Coordinator.
- Elnora Wiebe has taken on the task of inputting donations, generating tax receipts and reports.

Capital Campaign

- Meeting weekly with the consultant, Kat Kupca.
- The Case for Support is with the designer.
- We are looking at potential supporters and putting together information to present to those individuals/corporations.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom

17th September, 2020

Chaplain's Report to SJC Council

20 September 2020

Activity in the chaplaincy since May's meeting has been limited, both by the pandemic-related campus restrictions and the typical summer slowdown. My study leave and annual holiday occupied much of the early summer time, though a few important meetings and events relating to ongoing work with students occurred during this time.

In early July it was announced that 5 October 2020 will be my last day as college chaplain. On 6 October I become priest in charge of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Winnipeg, an appointment which takes me from both SJC and St Bartholomew's Parish in Windsor Park.

Major points of work since our last meeting include:

- Assisted with an online interfaith prayer service for the university on 14 May
- Assisted with planning and executing an online prayer vigil for victims of racism on 6 June
- Facilitated a recording session in the college chapel for a student applying to doctoral programmes in music
- Planned and presided at the wedding of Ann Ding and Andrew Weber on 2 August
 - Andrew has been one of our residence dons the past couple of years
- Planned and presided at the memorial service for Dr Laura Taylor, Faculty of Social Work, on 17 September in the college chapel
- Assisting SJCSA with fall event planning and establishing work patterns and systems for a year that will be primarily online
- Worked with representatives from St Paul's College and UManitoba to supply material about SJC, college membership, and college life for the online orientation sessions and websites
- Hosting a game of SJC Jeopardy! for the Jumpstart programme on 16 September
- Maintained contact with college students, staff, and fellows to provide ongoing pastoral care and support
- Participated in Sunday morning worship for the diocese as the chaplain of St John's College until 6 September, livestreamed from diocesan office

Bursars' Report to Council September 30th 2020

Financial

The Impact of COVID-19 on the operations of the College continued over the course of the summer. Courses were delivered remotely, and the Fort Garry Campus was officially closed. Our only revenues have been from the international St John's members we had living in our Residence. Fortunately, the College was deemed eligible to qualify for the Federal CEWS program (Emergency Wage Subsidy), which has offset 75% of our employment costs. This, along with our residence operations and eliminating all discretionary spending, has allowed us to keep all our staff employed and provide a safe and secure place for our students to live. In addition, we ended the 2019-20 fiscal year in a strong position with a modest surplus so that has strengthened our ability to weather these unprecedented circumstances. On September 23rd, the Federal Government announced this program would be extended to the summer of 2021. This is extremely positive news for St John's and will have a major impact on our ability to carry forward as we are through the winter term regardless of whether classes resume in person or not at that time. We have also not yet had to access our investment income budgeted for operating this year, so we remain in a stable position.

Our annual audit was completed over the summer and although it was challenging to go through the entire process remotely, it was successful. The entire process took longer than normal but draft statements were ready to be presented to the Finance & Admin Committee on September 23rd. That committee recommended their approval to College Council.

Residence / Operations

Due to COVID-19 all our summer groups were cancelled. We maintained an occupancy level of 35-50 students during the entire summer. Given all the inherent challenges brought on by the pandemic, affecting both students and staff, everything went very well. Safety measures and enhanced cleaning was enacted, and students were very responsible and cooperative in adhering to physical distancing protocols, hygiene, and now the addition of mandatory masks.

Beginning in September, some students moved out and 3 moved in – all local, from either Winnipeg or the surrounding area – so our current occupancy is 34. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority, and we are continuing with all our enhanced protocols including additional washroom cleaning, individually served meals, mandatory masks in public spaces, and ongoing physical distancing. We have kept two of our apartments vacant to be used as quarantine space should the need arise.

On September 14th we re-opened the Daily Bread Café. The Café is accessed exclusively through the Patio Entrance to minimize any traffic through the rest of the College. The Café has been fitted with safety glass in all serving areas, physical distancing signs have been displayed on the floor, and seating has been drastically reduced and properly spaced to conform to all Provincial safety standards.



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Registrar's Report September 2020

It has been a busy summer as acting Awards Clerk.

For the April 1 deadline there were 455 applications from 92 Applicants.

23 of Applicants are International students
16 of Applicants are Permanent residents
1 Applicant is a refugee

1 student applied for 26 scholarships and bursaries
1 student applied for 24 scholarships and bursaries

91 of the applications are for the July 31 deadline

Averages to 5 applications per student

For the July 31 deadline, 395 applications were received, plus the 91 that came in on April 1 means there are 486 applications from 119 applicants.

These are, I believe, record numbers. It is good to see students finally taking advantage of this part of their membership, and yet the amount of financial need, and knowing that we won't be able to help everyone makes it a bitter-sweet situation.

The other important item to note is that we have begun the process of migrating the College website over to the new U of M format. That is to say, we have begun discussions and some of the early leg work of documenting pages and links. It is going to take some time, but I will be very, very happy once the transition is complete.

Sherry Peters
Registrar

Report

Position Openings

We have two openings on council for the below positions!

Sustainability Coordinator

- Finding sustainable solutions to help improve environmental initiatives
- Maintain and organize the compost bins
- Promote awareness of environmental initiatives throughout the college
- Examples in the past (i.e. clothes drive, compost bins)

Assembly Representative

- Attending Assembly meetings and reporting information to the college
- If the representative cannot attend, they are responsible of finding a proxy, to take their place

Email accounts

We have created new emails accounts for each of the position i.e. Programmer.sjcsa@gmail.com, Sports.sjcsa@gmail.com, Treasurer.sjcsa@gmail.com, etc

Events



We had our Jumpstart event, it happened and turned out well! We were very worried about turn-out due the event normally being held in person. We had a lot of fun with events such as: Let's Make A Deal, Charades, Jeopardy and more! Andrew attended part of the event, and chaired the Jeopardy aspect of the game. We were able to still get to know the attendees and gave out prizes! Those who did attend heavily participated! We are looking forward to the next event!

Upcoming Events




St. John's College
Students' Association

Sunday, Sep. 27th

**5K VIRTUAL
FUN RUN/WALK**

Get that medallion! 
to benefit
Manitoba Mutts 

Buy your ticket online:
link in this email!

Community Outreach is running: A virtual 5K walk/fun run on the 27th. All proceeds will be donated to Manitoba Mutts animal rescue.

This week (up until the 27th), go for a walk or run broken up into as many days as you like until you've reached 5K! Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-johns-college-virtual-5k-runwalk-for-manitoba-mutts-tickets-121563079443> and you will receive a SJC 5K medal!

Thanks,
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