

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes

For the Meeting of March 27, 2019
Meal at 5:30, Meeting from 6:00 Room 108, St John's College

Present: P. Cloutier (Chair), J. Ripley, H. Enns, M. Evans, E. Jones, A. Rampton, J. Markstrom, I. Froese, K. Leung, P. Brass, M. Hughes, C. Trott, B. Pope, A. Braid, J. Weimer, F. Hasan, S. Peters (Secretary)

Regrets: J. James, H. Kennedy, J. McConnell, C. Loewen, S. Schwickart, G. Bak, G. Woodcroft

1. Opening Prayer

A. Rampton opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

J. Ripley / B. Pope

CARRIED

3. Approval of the January 23, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2019 be approved as distributed.

J. Ripley / P. Brass

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes

None

5. New Business

a) Residence Project Update – The Warden reviewed the Integrated Design Report and process of the workshops and meetings between College Administration, the architects, and Architectural and Engineering Services at the University of Manitoba. The Design workshops did not make any actual decisions, they were held to offer ideas and feedback to the architects. The feedback was excellent. Participants are excited about the process, and pleased that they were heard. We are at the stage where the architects, having received notes on the draft designs, are making changes and will be sending them back to us with costing, hopefully at the end of April.

b) Receive the Budget – The Bursar informed Council that the Budget was submitted by the Finance and Admin Committee to Assembly for approval at the March 2019 Assembly meeting. The Bursar presented the budget to Council.

MOTION from Assembly: That Council receive the Budget.

CARRIED

d) Honorary Degree nominations

MOTION: That Council move into closed session.

C. Trott / J. Ripley

CARRIED

MOTION: That Council move out of closed session.

C. Trott / J. Ripley

CARRIED

In closed session the Honorary Degree nominations were approved as follows: Ms. Flora Beardy and Mr. Don Proch will both receive the Honorary Doctor of Canon Law

(honoris causa) at the November 2019 Convocation, and Ms. Flora Beardy will be asked to give the Convocation address.

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 tonight's meeting.

Development Committee – The Development Report was circulated with the agenda. They are largely stalled at the moment, until the May Council meeting, potentially, once a decision has been made regarding the Residence.

Finance & Admin – Met to set the residence rates and the budget for the upcoming year.

b) Report from Assembly

At the last Assembly meeting, Assembly discussed the appointment of adjunct fellows on committees of Assembly.

c) Reports from College Officers and Student Council

i) Warden

**St John's College
Warden's Report to Council
March 27, 2019**

Much of my focus has been on the Integrated Design Process that we have been working through towards producing designs for a renovated or new residence (January 24 and March 8). I have also been teaching the Indigenous Awareness course for the Diocese of Rupert's Land along side of the Rev. Vincent Solomon (January 17 to March 14). For the first time in my career I took a winter holiday at an all-inclusive resort in Cuba.

- 1) Attended the Senior Executive Retreat, January 17 and 18
- 2) Attended Winnipeg Foundation Agency Fund Breakfast, January 23
- 3) Attended Diocesan Council, January 26
- 4) Alumni and Donor visit to Vancouver and Victoria, February 19-23
- 5) Attended Indigenous Awards of Excellence, March 11
- 6) Spoke with a group of retired alumni about Treaty 1, March 15
- 7) Attended the Three Minute Thesis Finals, March 18
- 8) Taught a unit for the Indigenous Cultural Competency Training for the librarians at U of M, March 20
- 9) Attended Diocesan Council, March 23
- 10) Attended the West Broadway Community Ministry Gala, March 23
- 11) Attended the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration, March 24

I continue to serve as the Chair of the U of M Press Board, on the Rupert's Land News Board, Co-Chair of the Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue in addition to my ongoing obligations on Dean's and Director's Council, Senate and Arts Faculty Council.

ii) Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies: Report to Council March 19, 2019

Recent and Upcoming Events:

Marjorie Ward Lecture Kudos

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Marjorie

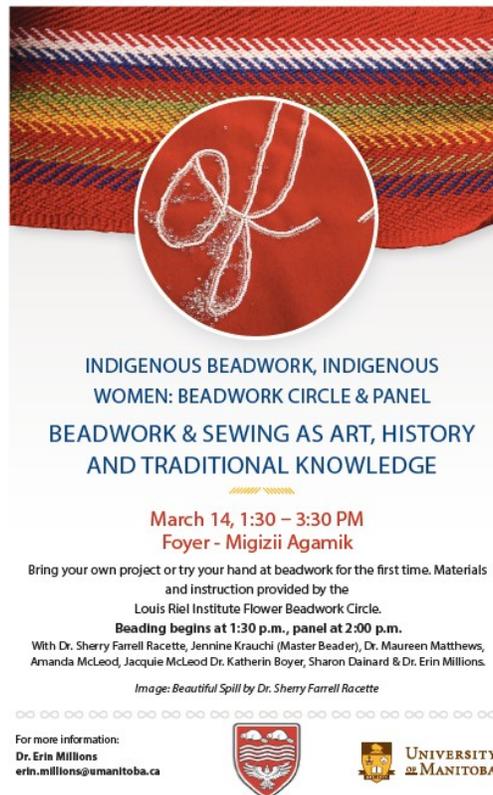
Ward Lecture, given by Winnipeg Métis poet Katherena Vermette.

Soup and Bread Lectures:

Wednesday, March 20, Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies Keith Hyde, "Wonderful Strange Notions": Life, Death, and Edits in the Early Journals of Rev. Henry Budd (c. 1812-1875)

Tuesday, March 26, Lisa Alexandrin, "Taxonomies of Loss" in Austro- Hungarian Postcards of Sarajevo and Mostar

Visiting Researcher in Western Canadian Studies Erin Millions organized a very successful workshop event, Beadwork and Sewing As Art, History and Traditional Knowledge. Such a high-profile event helps to emphasize our commitment to indigenization at the College, and promotes the new Visiting Researcher Program.



INDIGENOUS BEADWORK, INDIGENOUS
WOMEN: BEADWORK CIRCLE & PANEL
BEADWORK & SEWING AS ART, HISTORY
AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

March 14, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Foyer - Migizii Agamik

Bring your own project or try your hand at beadwork for the first time. Materials and instruction provided by the Louis Riel Institute Flower Beadwork Circle.
Beadwork begins at 1:30 p.m., panel at 2:00 p.m.
With Dr. Sherry Farrell Racette, Jennine Krauchi (Master Beader), Dr. Maureen Matthews, Amanda McLeod, Jacque McLeod, Dr. Katherin Boyer, Sharon Dainard & Dr. Erin Millions.
Image: Beautiful Spill by Dr. Sherry Farrell Racette

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End of Term Reception Thursday, April 4, 3:30-5:00

New Committee Members

This year, SJC introduced a new Adjunct category of Fellowship. Adjunct Fellows have the same rights and responsibilities as other Fellows, but do not have office space in the College. At the March 20 meeting of Assembly, we elected three of our new Adjunct Fellows to SJC committees: Bruce Erickson to the Membership Committee; Shadia Drury to Visiting Speakers/Canadian Studies; and Michael Minor to the Art and Social Committee.

2019-2020 Academic Budget

As Ivan Froese has noted in his Operating Budget Summary and Highlights, there are some modest increases in funding to academic programs this year.

- Proposed increase to the Fellows Travel and Research Fund will allow us to provide up to \$300 in support of 6 applications for funding this year, versus 5 the previous year.
- Indigenous Program Support (\$500), which will fund requests from College members and others (such as indigenous students) organizing indigenization events on campus
- \$500 increase in the budget for the Thrive student support program. This will go to increasing writing tutor hours, and events.
- Enhanced support for Canadian Studies, including the Western Canadian Studies Visiting Researcher program; and \$2000 in Canadian Studies Conference Support

Esyllt Jones, Professor of History Dean of Studies

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
March 2019

Fundraising

- To date raised: \$268,268. There is an outstanding \$50,000 pledge for the New Residence project.
- Recently mailed out the Chaplaincy request to a targeted group – clergy/church.
- Received sponsorship of the Health Career Quest Camp for \$8,000.
- Have received a professional development grant from the Wpg Fdn to help offset costs to attend a conference in Montreal in April.
- Provided assistance to the UofM press in raising funds to publish the Proch book.

Alumni/Stewardship

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- An alumni trip to Vancouver and Victoria in February was successful with a confirmed planned gift.
- Working on alumni visits to Ottawa on 7th-8th April and 9th April in Montreal
- Fayaz, Dean of Residence, is preparing a Residence awareness trip to Neepawa, Dauphin and Gladstone for May. Hoping to have an alumni reception at the same time.

Special Events

- Lunch and Lively with Kevin Boreskie was very well received and we are planning the 16th April with Jill Beuddefeld, a grad student who will speak to climate change.
- Bach's Birthday on 21st March at 2.30pm was well attended this year. It featured Andrew, our Chaplain, on organ and Erika Olson on violin.
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Marketing/Communications

- The current issue of In Lumine has been distributed.
- Working on an e-newsletter featuring some of our Fellows.

Staffing

- Richard, our Work Study student, finished working with us at the beginning of March.
- Applied to Canada Summer jobs for a grant for the 2019 summer student. Likely will find out in May if we have been successful.

Capital Campaign

- The Development Committee has reviewed and revised several policies.
- Identifying potential Campaign Cabinet members
- Setting out a timeline for the CC.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
20th March, 2019

iv) Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report – March 2019

Residence Projects

There are no major projects happening in the residence right now. A few major maintenances were requested over the Winter term so far. Notable are plumbing and leaking in 2 bathrooms and water dripping from rooftop into residence room.

Regular Semester

We have 1 vacant room in the residence at the moment. We are focusing on summer bookings now. Some of our usual short stay groups such as IEP, Health Career Quest, Math camp and Engineering group (China) have already shown interest in booking rooms with us.

Residence Activity

A few incidents of students breaching the contract, most commonly in terms of late payments. Rest of the residents are reasonably following the rules.

It is not uncommon for university students to face difficulties with adjusting to the campus environment, especially for the first two years. Whether its course load, social life, physical or mental health, difference in diet or culture shock, we at the office recognize that our consistent attention is needed to ensure residents receive adequate support from us. We will continue to provide support to students in need to the best of our ability.

Don interviews are set for March 13th and residence council elections will take place right after. Sherry Peters and I are planning for the Brandon Career Symposium on April 15th for 3 days. We will be focusing on displaying our community involvement to attendees. I have also arranged for a recruitment trip with Chris Trott and Jackie Markstrom for May 14th and 15th; we will visit 3 high schools in Neepawa, Dauphin and Gladstone.

For March and April, the residence is planning several events. A few noteworthy are bowling night, Across the Board café and year-end Banquet dinner.

Thank you.

v) Chaplain

Chaplain's Report to SJC Council

27 March 2019

This academic term is flying past and in no way lacks for content. In addition to the regular schedule of worship and community support/programming, events of the past eight weeks included:

- Rupert's Land Diocesan Council on 26 January and 23 March.
- Attended the Interfaith Gathering Workshop presented by UManitoba spiritual care and the Muslim Student Association, hosted at SJC on 26 March.
- Presided and preached at Evensong for Candlemas in St John's College Chapel with All the King's Men on 3 February.
- Attended the Residence Association banquet for Valentine's Day on 9 February. I also said grace and, for the first time in my life, was applauded (twice!) for doing so.
- Two sessions of *Food for the Journey*, with the third and final one for this year scheduled. The first was especially well-attended (16 participants) and both have included excellent food and stimulating discussion
 - 9 February "Curious Customs of Christmas" with Dr Gerry Bowler
 - 9 March "Theological Lessons from Secular Presentations of Paul" with Dr David Lappano of the Centre for Christian Studies
 - 6 April "From Mother to Martyr: Woman Martyrs in Early Christianity" with Dr Heather Barkman
- Attended a meeting on 14 February called by Edgar French, University of Manitoba's spiritual care coordinator, with various other chaplains and faith-based student groups regarding an available space which may be set aside for use by faith organizations. The project is in its earliest stages and the logistics of such a space will be complicated. There is great energy and enthusiasm for this on the part of the various faith communities on campus.
- Presided at liturgy for Ash Wednesday (6 March). The liturgy of the day (imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist) was held in the chapel, at which 17 attended, about 75% of whom were from St John's College and the wider university community. The others were Anglicans with parish affiliations who came to SJC because of convenience (time of day and/or geography).
- Presented, with Beverly Eerts, at the bishop's request, a workshop called *Liturgies for New Life* on the morning of 27 March. It is an effort to incorporate ecological awareness and theology into the liturgies our communities undertake throughout the season of Eastertide (21 April-9 June this year).

vi) Bursar

Bursar's Report to Council March 27th, 2019

Financial

At a meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee on March 12th, the committee moved to recommend to Assembly the approval of the 2019-20 residence rates and the 2019-20 operating budget. At the March 19th Assembly meeting, Assembly accepted that recommendation and approved the budget.

We have struck a balanced budget excluding the Capital Campaign, in accordance with the parameters set by College Council. We anticipate another busy summer residence and conference season, with many returning groups from last year, some new ones, and a good base of regular residence students. If we can build on and maintain our strong catering revenues from 18-19, continue to be busy in the Daily Bread Café, and once again have a full residence for the regular academic term, we stand a very good chance of having another strong year from a budget perspective. We have also managed to add some funds to support the College Fellows and the work that they do, as well as strengthen support for both ongoing and new student support initiatives.

Residence project

The workshop portion of the Integrated Design Process has concluded after three very valuable and engaging workshops with the design consultants that included representation from the various constituent groups that have an interest in the College, as well as representatives from the University of Manitoba. The architects will now present their plans to the cost consultants who will present to them an estimate of the costs for the 3 options – renovation, new build, and new build with a zero carbon energy efficiency rating.

Administration

The College is in the midst of making some changes to the positions that provide administrative support to the College Fellows. Diana DeFoort is now working part time and focusing exclusively on our Awards Program. As a result, we have re-assigned the duties of Faculty Assistant and Secretary to the Dean of Studies.

Moving forward, Amy Craddock will be transitioning to a new position – Event Coordinator / Communications & Faculty Assistant. As referenced in her title, she will continue to focus on arranging and coordinating events held at St John's. She will also now be St John's Faculty Assistant and take on the secretarial support work for the Dean of Studies that comes with that. Lastly, she will be assuming an organizing role in an area that has been lacking at the College – Marketing & Communications. Amy will move into the office outside the current Dean of Studies office.

Because of this change we will also be hiring a new Receptionist. The process is moving forward but at this point I don't have any firm dates, although we anticipate having these positions settled and filled in the near future.

vii) Registrar

The SJCSA Grad banquet is coming up, March 30th at Bergmann's on Lombard. Cocktails are at 5:30, dinner begins at 6:30 pm. You should have all received an invitation in your email. Please RSVP to Amy in the General Office by March 25.

February 21st was the University of Manitoba Open House student recruitment event. It was probably the busiest our booth has ever been at one of these. I was very pleased with the enthusiasm of the students attending.

The Brandon Career Symposium, traditionally held the first week of March, has been moved to mid-April due in part to the Manitoba Brier being held in Brandon at the beginning of March, and in hopes of having better weather and therefore turnout, than there has been the last couple of years.

viii) Senior Stick

SJCSA Report

- March 16th: Paint Night in the Daily Bread
 - o Most tickets have been sold
- March 29th Bake Sale and Puppies in the Cross Commons Room from 11-2
 - o Dogs will be coming from Manitoba Mutts
 - o Daily Bread will be donating baked goods
- March 30th Graduation dinner at Bergmann's on Lombard

Thank you,
Susanne Schwickart
SJCSA Senior Stick

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

P. Brass / H. Enns

CARRIED