

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ASSEMBLY Minutes

For the meeting of January 16, 2023 @ 2:00 pm Room 201 and via Zoom

Present: A. Abra, L. Wilkinson (Chair), E. Park, J. Markstrom, I. Froese, R. Turnbull, M. Evans, W. Cariou, J. Weimer, M. Naylor, G. Bak, D. Larsen, L. Hydesmith, J. Thorpe, H. Holbrook, M. Benbow, S. Teetzel, S. Peters (Secretary), J. Dueck, R. Thomas, L. Valmestad, C. Penner, L. Kuffert, D. Oliver, K. Block

Regrets: S. Carleton, A. Perry, B. Hallman, N. Sinclair, B. Pope, A. Rampton, J. Smith, E. Jones, D. Watt, A. Desmarais, C. Penner, J. McConnell, J. Stetefeld

1. Land acknowledgement

A. Abra opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

A. Abra / J. Weimer

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on November 20, 2023.

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on November 20, 2023 be approved as distributed.

M. Benbow / I. Froese

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting

None

5. New Business

- a) Motion from Membership Committee – MOTION: That Jorg Stetefeld be elected as Visiting Fellow for one year.

CARRIED

- b) Theology at SJC – The Warden reminded Assembly about the history of the Theology program at St John's College and the program's suspension. We have had a course-sharing arrangement with CMU over the past few years after the Theological Education Commission report came out. Ryan was hired to work towards fulfilling what came from the Theological Education Report. At this time, he has a proposal for Assembly for discussion. As the College is an inclusive environment, the courses offered will be inclusive as well.

R. Turnbull presented a proposal for a certificate in Anglican Studies at St John's College and for the College to be a Theology Hub, in terms of training lay people as well as clergy and seminarians. Courses would be offered in a hybrid format, and in partnership with Theological programs across Canada such as Canadian Mennonite University, Emmanuel St. Chad, and the Ecclesial University Project at St. Margaret's. Feedback regarding the overall proposal and how we want to

administer this going forward is needed. The question was asked as to who would be offering the degree, and it would be St John's College, not UM. Registration would go through the Registrar's office. There are competency areas that will need to be met for students pursuing this education as a means towards ministry. However, there is no examination or check to determine if someone is ready to practice. Those considering lay ministry will be encouraged to take this certificate but if there are lay people put in charge of a parish they will have been expected to have taken the certificate or to immediately enrol in it.

- c) Awards Report – The Awards Clerk presented the list of 2023 awards recipients to Assembly for information.
- d) Honorary Degree Nominations – The Warden and Registrar are accepting nominations until mid-February.
- e) Fellows Handbook and future events – The Fellows Handbook is on its way. We will be hosting a symposium for Faculty of Arts members on March 7. Marjorie Ward will be on March 11, The Art & Music Competition will be March 22. Wilmot will be on February 12. Fundraiser for Systema will be on February 11.
- f) Update on student recruitment and data analysis – The Communications Officer gave a rundown of recruitment efforts including having a recruitment tables at University Centre, and the Open House on February 22. She is working with our MCO lead working on getting St John's College on webpages of faculties across campus. The executive summary of the analysis done by David will be circulated.

6. Other Business

None

7. Reports

a. Reports from College Officers

Warden – See attached
 Dean of Studies – See attached
 Development Officer – See attached
 Bursar – See attached
 Dean of Residence – See attached
 Chaplain – See attached
 Registrar – See attached

b. Report from Senior Stick

The grad dinner will be on Saturday March 30 at 6:00 pm in the Assiniboine Park Pavillion

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

J. Weimer

CARRIED

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Warden's Report to Assembly, January 2024

As we enter the new year and new academic term, the admin team is making a number of plans to advance our goals around College renewal. Our recruitment efforts for new day students and to the residence have once again been operating at full force during Welcome Week. The Development Officer and I have a trip planned to Edmonton and Calgary in late January to reconnect with our Alberta alumni. Plans are also progressing with respect to our proposed partnership with UM on a new residence, and we have meetings scheduled in the next month that should clarify a number of the financial and logistical aspects of the project. Once those are more squared away, we will be able to make plans and start fundraising towards our other capital projects.

Teaching, Scholarship, and Public History

I published a book review of Paul Addison and Jeremy Crang's *Spirit of the Blitz* in the November issue of the *English Historical Review*. I also conducted another interview for the All Saints' Church WWII oral history project. My course with the History Department concluded successfully in December. I will not be teaching during the winter term and so will be endeavouring to get some concrete work done on my book project, *Love and War*. I'm hoping to be a regular attendee at the writing room hosted in the College by the Center for Creative Writing and Oral Culture led by fellow, Jocelyn Thorpe.

Highlights of Other Recent Activities

- On Dec. 5, the first ever SJC holiday jazz party including students, fellows, staff, Council and community members was a great success. Attendance exceeded our expectations and we had to order more food halfway through. I believe it was the launch of a great new tradition!
- The Chaplain and I once again collaborated on a holiday care package for the students remaining in residence throughout the winter break.
- On Nov. 30, I attended a Soup & Bread lunch presentation by our fellow Sean Carleton and one of his students.
- On Jan. 10, I attended a fundraising workshop for academic administrators.
- I continue to work with the Bishop and DDD on potential revisions to the College's theology program. We are also pleased to be re-launching the Wilmott Lecture with roundtable event on Feb. 12.
- I have been part of the planning of this year's Art and Music Competition along with the Dean of Studies and Art Committee.
- I continue to serve on the Advisory Circle for the Emmanuel Mission Learning Centre at Holy Trinity Church.
- I continue to represent the College at meetings of Dean's Council, Provost's Council, University Senate, Faculty of Arts Council, and Diocesan Council.

Dean of Studies Report to Assembly January 2024

Soup & Bread Lecture Series

The committee (Annette Riziki, Helen, and I) are currently working on the winter 2024 schedule. More details to follow.

SJC/Faculty of Arts grad/undergrad Symposium

Sherry and I have sent out an email to all college student members in the Faculty of Arts regarding the upcoming symposium. We are preparing another email with a formal call for papers and once we receive an indication of how many students would like to participate, we will confirm the date and time for this event.

Fellowship Roles and Responsibilities

The SJC Fellow's handbook is ready! Please read through the guidebook, especially the section on roles and responsibilities of fellowship. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Our fellowship attendance at events has certainly improved since last year but we would still like to see greater participation in college events, especially convocation, soup and bread, and the Marjorie Ward Lecture.

Events in the Winter Term

The two big events coming up this term are the Art and Music Competition (Friday, March 22 from 3:30-5:30) and the Marjorie Ward Lecture (Dr. Marcia Anderson will be speaking on Indigenous medicine in Manitoba on Monday March 11 @ 4pm). Please be sure to mark these on the calendar now as we are hoping for a strong turnout from the fellows.

Development Officer Report to Assembly
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Fundraising

- To date raised: \$60,000 although December donations have yet to be entered into the system.
- Chaplaincy appeal will be mailed during Lent to support Chaplaincy.

Alumni/Stewardship

- Continuing to visit with Johnians in person, phone calls and emails.
- Meeting with alum/donors in Edmonton and Calgary at the end of this month.
- Will use a one-day stopover in Toronto to visit with alum/donors mid-February.

Marketing/Communications

- Working on an issue of In Lumine with the intention it be out by March.
- E-Newsletters are emailed out every other month.
- Working with Marissa to update Development Office webpage

Staffing

- Applied to Canada Summer jobs for a grant for the 2024 summer student.

Capital Campaign

- Will be meeting with Kat shortly to update her on current status.

Other

- Christmas cards signed by Allison were sent to some alum/donors.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jackie Markstrom
9th January, 2024

Bursars' Report to Assembly January 16th, 2024

College Operations

The recruitment efforts for the College, including both day students and in particular potential Residents, continued in full swing leading up to the holiday break, and has resumed once again in January. We are receiving expressions of interest from students looking for accommodations and have already had a few new Residents move in for the winter term. Filling the Residence continues to be our main focus and we are making progress in that area.

CRA Appeal

All the relevant and required documentation was submitted to CRA for their review prior to the holiday break, in accordance with their official request following the consent to judgement in our favour. I also had extensive conversations about that documentation with our Appeals Officer who indicated he was supportive of our eligibility and the courts decision and is working cooperatively with the College to bring this matter to a conclusion and release the final payment for our outstanding claims.

Staffing Updates

There are numerous updates regarding the Admin staff:

- Congratulations are in order for our Assistant Bursar, Beatriz Martins who went on maternity leave just prior to the break. Baby boy Antonio was born on January 4th and everyone is doing well!
- Sharaina Cottick has taken over for Beatriz while she is away, with the help of Elnora Wiebe who will be assisting Sharaina while she finishes her final year of her Commerce degree.
- Amy Backhouse is returning from her maternity leave on January 15th, and we are excited to have her back at the College.
- We are also grateful for David Plett and all the contributions he's made to the College, filling in as Receptionist, providing Data Analysis on a project basis, and covering for the last part of Amy's maternity leave after Hong Ngyuen left for a permanent position. David's last day is January 15th.

Dean of Residence Report – January 2024

Winter Session

As of January 9, we have 40 people in the Residence for the Winter Term. However, since the Winter Closure I have had many inquiries from students looking for housing.

I have been in regular contact with ICM, U of M Student Case Managers, the International Centre, and Migizii Agamik regarding the continued availability of Residence rooms.

Marissa Naylor setup a paid Kijiji ad which ran from, which was promoted amongst their ads for several weeks. The ad was viewed 119 times, and I received 5 inquiries. The Residence has also continued to be included in Rupert's Land News (the official news publication of the Diocese of Rupert's Land) and in the weekly "4 Your Parish" communication sent each week to all parishes.

Residence Activity

The Dons' Team continues to host a monthly Residence community-building event, held on the second Saturday of each month. Previous events have included movie nights, a bon-fire at Kings Park, and a paint and pizza night inspired by "Paint Nite."

The Residence Council has planned an exciting slate of events for the Winter Session, including movie and board games nights, a trip to Flying Squirrel Trampoline, ice skating at the Forks, a winter-themed paint night, a trip to Rec Room, and an end of year gathering to be held April 5.

My office has recently moved into the Residence (Rm 107) meaning I have much more regular opportunities to say hello to our residents as they go about their daily activities and have spent time most days in the Dining Room over the lunch break to greet new residents and check-in with continuing ones.

Our Resident reporting system (check-in/check-out logs; incident reports; daily Dons duty logs) has recently moved to a tokenized-system within the University's Drupal web platform, which offers the Dons and myself much enhanced tools to track significant events in the Residence.

The Winter Dons team included Hamidou Diallo, Raihanah Rahim, and Mwaba Mucheleka.

The Warden and Chaplain once again provided residents remaining over the Winter Closure with a food hamper consisting of various holiday goodies. On behalf of the residents, thank you to all fellows and staff who contributed to this initiative. The Winter Dons report that the treats were much enjoyed by everyone over the holiday period.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Bowman
Dean of Residence

November 2023 Report to St. John's College Council

Individual meetings

Continue to visit with students and residents.

December Events

Lament for Hope – St Paul's Chapel, Co facilitated St Paul's and St John's chaplaincy services. Well received.

December Advent carol service. Led by Mark VanKampen (U of M Mennonite Chaplain) on December 6th. Well attended (39).

Programing

Weekly meditation on Thursdays at 12:00 pm starting January 11

Weekly Communion Services Wednesdays at 11:30am

Every Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

Weekly Drop in gathering (in the atrium – outside the chapel) at 12:30 pm. Will serve cookies. Details to come, will start Wednesday January 17

Ben Girgis will continue at his placement at St John's for his theology degree.

Food for the Journey – January 27th 10:00 am, Black Anglicans presenter Rev Wilson Ak9nwale

Submitted by Rev. Helen Holbrook SJC Chaplain



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Registrar's Report January 2024

In anticipation of opening the scholarship application on February 1, I am hosting a Scholarships Workshop on January 23 which will walk students through the process of completing the application form, including what should go in to the letter of application, references, and completing the financial need worksheet. At the time of writing, 12 students have already registered. The workshop will be recorded and made available on our website so that students will have it for future reference.

Jade and I are working together on creating a symposium for Faculty of Arts students at all levels to present their research, which we hope to have at the end of February. The exact date is yet to be determined.

I have been in contact with Trevor Lehman, an SJC alum who works as a career advisor at the UM Career Services. I have asked him to present a series of three workshops for our students from figuring out what kind of career they want, how to look for that kind of work, and how to write their resume. The workshops will be held the last week of February and the first two weeks of March.

Sherry Peters
Registrar