

**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE  
ASSEMBLY  
Minutes**

**For the meeting of January 15, 2019 @ 2:30 pm in Room 110 St John's College**

Present: S. Sinclair, F. Hasan, M. Evans, S. Close, L. Wilkinson, J. Markstrom, C. Trott, I. Froese, C. Penner, E. Jones, D. Punter, A. Rampton, J. Weimer (Chair), S. Peters (Secretary), R. Coutts, M. Hughes, B. Collins, J. Dueck, D. Carr, L. Alexandrin

Regrets: D. Watt, J. James, E. Millions, A. Ng, D. Brydon, B. Hallman, A. Perry, J. Edgerton, W. Cariou, G. Woodcroft, K. Fowler, B. Erickson, G. Bak, J. Gibbings, D. McCance, B. Cantelo, B. Pope, M. Unrau, B. Ferguson, M. Minor, L. Valmestad

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

C. Trott / S. Close

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on November 6, 2018.**

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2018, be approved as distributed.

C. Trott / F. Hasan

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**3. Business arising from the Minutes of the November 6, 2018 meeting**

- a) Fellows Research and Travel Fund – Dean of Studies reports that the fund for this fiscal year is gone, but applications are being accepted for the next fiscal year. The application form is available on the St John's College website.

**4. New Business**

- a) Adjunct Fellows on Standing Committees of Assembly – The Dean of Studies has not yet nailed down their committee membership.
- b) Report from the Art, Music, and Social Committee – Erin Millions circulated two reports, one from the Art, Music, and Social Committee, and the other on her plans as Western Canadian Studies Fellow.
- c) Report on Awards for the previous year – The list of award recipients and the amounts they received were distributed.
- d) Theology course at St. Margaret's – The Warden informed Assembly that we are currently sponsoring some Theology courses at St. Margaret's that are being accredited by Canadian Mennonite University. The fees are split between St John's College and CMU.
- e) Theology bursaries – The Warden informed Assembly that there are a number of bursaries that are dedicated for Theology but have not been awarded. We are able to change the terms so that students taking the Theology courses in partnership with CMU will be able to receive those scholarships and bursaries.

**5. Other Business**

None

## **6. Reports**

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

#### **Warden**

The last term was very busy right up until the last day. Much time was spent finding the people and preparing for the Integrated Design Workshop. I continue to teach one course per term and in addition taught the Indigenous Awareness course for the Diocese. I have now been appointed to the Rupert's Land News Editorial Board and started meeting with them.

- 1) I completed teaching the first iteration of the Indigenous Awareness course for the Diocese of Rupert's Land
- 2) Attended the Bishop's Dinner where the new Chancellor was the guest speaker (Nov 7)
- 3) Participated in the Farewell to Bishop Don at the Cathedral (Nov 10)
- 4) Alumni/Donor visit to Toronto and Brantford. Ask Jackie about exciting driving in early winter storms (Nov 12 – 16)
- 5) Hosted the Sistema Fundraiser in the St John's College Chapel (Nov 18)
- 6) Attended special meeting of Senate to elect a new Chancellor (Nov 20)
- 7) Presided at the Installation of St John's College's new Chancellor (Nov 21)
- 8) I have been asked to preach three times recently on Truth and Reconciliation and on the College (St Paul's Nov 25, St George's Dec 8, St Clement's Dec 16)
- 9) Chaired Theological Education Council, Dec 4
- 10) Attended External Relations workshop for Deans on dealing with media, Dec 6
- 11) Officiated at College service of Lessons and Carols, Dec 6
- 12) Hosted the College Family Christmas Party, Dec 8
- 13) Alumni and Donor Trip to Brandon, Dec 11
- 14) Attended Integrated Design Workshop for College Residence, Dec 20
- 15) Participated in Installation of Bishop Geoff at the Cathedral, Jan 5

#### **Dean of Studies**

Fall 2018 was a busy term, with several of our new projects for faculty and students starting to take shape. I owe a debt of gratitude to the supportive staff at SJC for helping me with this work.

Our end of term reception in December was lovely, with excellent food and beverages as usual, thanks to Ian and staff.

#### **Marjorie Ward Lecture**

A reminder that this year's Marjorie Ward Lecturer is Winnipeg poet Katherena Vermette. The lecture takes place on March 6, 2018, followed by a reception. Please mark your calendars.

#### **Fellows Research and Travel Fund Reminder**

Anyone who will be traveling for research or conferences in fiscal year 2019-2020 (that is, after March 31, 2019) to apply for funds from next year's budget. This may help some of you plan for early summer travel. The application form is now available online [http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_johns/people/80.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/people/80.html) The link is on the right side of the web page.

### **Western Canadian Studies Visiting Researcher and Conference Support**

A call for applications for 2019-2020 visiting researchers in Western Canadian Studies will go out soon. I would again like to encourage all of the Fellows to promote this funding program in their fields, including to colleagues outside of Winnipeg.

### **Senior Common Room**

The SCR committee met in early December to discuss some policies for the shared use of the SCR. We will be circulating those for a vote at a future Assembly meeting. We also agreed to contact the UM's interior designer, to discuss renovating the kitchen, and ways to enhance effective use of the space. I will be arranging that discussion soon.

### **Soup and Bread**

My thanks again to Micheline Hughes for coordinating the lunchtime lectures this year. This is the schedule for second term:

Erin Millions – Feb 26th: "Indigenous Histories of Tuberculosis in Manitoba and the Unnamed Patient: Active History and The Manitoba Lung Association Archive Photo Naming Project"

Lori Wilkinson – March 13th: "Escaping Generations of Genocide: Yazidi refugees and their initial resettlement experiences in Canada."

Lisa Alexandrin – March 26th: TBA

### **THRIVE Student Support Program**

The Peer Mentorship Program is off the ground. We have four new peer mentors; two of them are graduate students. We are starting to receive mentee requests, and will be pairing mentors with mentees. There is a new poster for the program, which is attached to this report. Please promote the program to your students, including junior graduate students.

We have increased the number of hours for our SJC writing tutor to 3 hours per week. There has been consistently high demand for the tutoring services. This semester, the tutor here will be Coral Baisch, who is a Master's student in History, and a long time writing tutor.

### **Chaplain**

St John's Chapel has been a busy venue in recent weeks. In addition to a number of concerts and events hosted by outside groups, the college has hosted its own annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols and the UManitoba Chaplains' Association Advent service. I was unable to attend the latter, though have heard that it was enjoyed very much by those who attended—particularly the Christmas baking from the Daily Bread Café. Our own Lessons & Carols had a healthy congregation, including members of the college, community, and Diocese of Rupert's Land. Once again, John Tanner and the Joie de Vivre chorus provided fine musical leadership, into which I was drafted as a tenor and visiting fellow Dr. Murray Evans was recruited for the baritones at the last moment. Good worship, fine music, and a lovely reception afterward.

The lighting in the chapel has been restored to full power and the dimmer switches have been replaced with simple on/off switches, hopefully extending the life of our bulbs. This makes the space much more friendly for worship and other activities. Many thanks to Ian Park and Ivan Froese for looking after this. Ian and I also repurposed some of the furniture that had

accumulated in the narthex, discarded some of the irreparable furniture, and I am looking for affordable options for the repair of some of the woven seisel chairs that remain.

The annual Boxing Day dinner in residence was a good success. About 15 students came to ate and a number more were lurking outside the Buttery when we finished, looking for food without the social component. The dinner (turkey, ham, chicken, potatoes, rolls, stuffing, salads, vegetables, fruit, cranberry sauce, cookies, cake, and drinks) was very gratefully received. The support shown by the community at St John's College in donations of food and money was exceptional. When the people of St Bartholomew Anglican Church learned of the event, they also contributed a substantial amount of food. So great was the generosity of the community that after preparing a significant dinner, we have still managed to contribute approximately \$370 to the Drewry Fund for students in immediate, unexpected financial need. Thank you so very much for all of your support for this event on behalf of our resident students.

Nailing down speakers for the Food for the Journey series has proved a challenge this year. We hope to host session in February, March, and April. Details will be posted and circulated as they become available.

On Saturday, 12 January, I will be giving a presentation and leading a discussion with the diocesan Network of Deacons, focused on the role of deacons in the liturgy. Our current liturgies were written at a time when there was a moratorium in the Canadian church on the ordination of permanent deacons, and so they occupy minimal roles in our liturgies as written. The presentation is an overview of the history of deacons in liturgy, the liturgies as written, and a discussion about revisions that might give the restored diaconate its proper place and profile in our worship today.

## **Bursar**

### **Financial**

The budgeting process for 2019-20 will begin in the next month, as well as determining residence rates that will take effect in September 2019.

As we begin the winter term, our residence remains full and we anticipate our catering and sales in the Daily Bread Café to continue to be strong.

### **Residence Project**

The RFP for the design phase of our residence project was awarded to ft3 Architecture Landscape & Interior Design. On December 20th they held the first of three workshops as part of the integrated design process. This engaged approximately 25 people representing the various constituent groups of the College – staff, fellows, students, alumni, University representatives – to work through the early discussions necessary to determine what sort of physical design will best enable St John's to carry out its institutional mission and goals. The next workshop is scheduled for late January.

## **Dean of Residence**

### **Residence Projects**

There are no major projects happening in the residence right now. Hallway carpeting was done early last term and we are still working with Physical Plant to get the card access up and running for building exterior doors.

Over the holidays, there was a planned power shutdown for a day. Residents were informed beforehand and were directed to the student lounge in Pembina Hall building to spend the day.

### **Regular Semester**

At the end of Fall term, we had approximately 8 students who moved out with late notice. All rooms have been filled and we are at full occupancy now. Currently 78% of our population are international and 56% are first year students. The residence is still mostly male (67 male to 33 female). We are trying to bring back a good balance between local and international residents.

### **Residence Activity**

There haven't been any serious incidents in the residence so far. The Dons are performing well and the residence is functioning soundly. Residents are reasonably following the rules; no serious breach to the contract.

For January, the residence is planning several events. A few noteworthy are escape room, ice-skating at forks, dodgeball and comedy night.

### **Development Officer**

#### **Fundraising**

- To date raised: \$164,904. On track to reach our goal of \$200,000.
- The annual appeal response is comparable to previous years.

#### **Alumni/Stewardship**

- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Chris and I will be travelling to Vancouver on 18<sup>th</sup> February. We are in the process of inviting alumni to attend a reunion.
- Chris and I will be travelling to Ottawa/Montreal in early April.

#### **Special Events**

- Lunch and Lively is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> February with Kevin Boreskie speaking. He is a graduate student whose research focuses on staying active as we age.
- Planning in progress for Bach's Birthday and the April Lunch and Lively.

#### **Marketing/Communications**

- Helping to promote the MWL.
- Currently working on the next issue of In Lumine.
- The Christmas Card was well received.
- Working with Esyllt to create a February e-newsletter highlighting the achievements of our Fellows

#### **Staffing**

- We hired Richard to work as our Work Study student until March of next year. He is working for both the Development Office and is available for the general office as needed.
- Applying to Canada Summer jobs for a grant for the 2019 summer student

### **Capital Campaign**

- The Development Committee had its inaugural meeting in November to discuss Naming policies and procedures.
- Currently looking for funding for the Design stage of the process approximately \$285,000.

### **Registrar**

February 21st is the University of Manitoba Open House student recruitment event. We will, once again, have a booth there.

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.

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

No report

### **7. Adjournment**

I. Froese / L. Wilkinson

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