

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ASSEMBLY Minutes

For the meeting of September 20, 2022 @ 2:30 pm Room 206 and via Zoom

Present: J. Weimer (Acting Chair), E. Chan, B. Collins, L. Wilkinson, J. Dueck, M. Bowman, H. Nguyen, H. Holbrook, I. Froese, S. McLeod, B. Pope, L. Kuffert, B. Duncan, S. Close, M. Dennis Unrau, A. Perry, M. Benbow, D. Larsen, A. Abra, M. Evans, S. Teetzel, S. Peters (Secretary)

Regrets: A. Desmarais, J. James, A. Perry, W. Cariou, G. Bak, C. Piotrowski, D. Watt, C. Penner,

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

L. Valmestad / B. Collins

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on May 3, 2022.

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2022 be approved with the amendment that Murray Evans was in attendance.

L. Wilkinson / I. Froese

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting

None

4. New Business

- a) Motions from Membership Committee – MOTION: that Dr. Sarah Teetzel, Dr. Suzanne McLeod, and Dr. Jocelyn Thorpe be elected Senior Fellows.

CARRIED

MOTION: That Dr. Melanie Dennis Unrau's term as Visiting Fellow be extended one more year.

CARRIED

MOTION: That Dr. Jamila Ghaddar be elected as an adjunct Fellow.

CARRIED

- b) Membership on Committees of Assembly – The Dean of Studies circulated the committees of Assembly and thanked everyone for agreeing to participate and serve the college. She then reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the committees. The Warden initiated discussion on the possibility of creating two new committees: Sustainability and Reconciliation. The Sustainability committee came about from discussion last year regarding the possibility of a green roof, and how we can make the College more sustainability and environmentally friendly. The Reconciliation committee would work with the Indigenous Advisory Council being formed on specific projects and around the Colleges Reconciliation efforts, some of which are in the works but give it a bit more direction and more voices in those discussions. The question arose about making them ad hoc rather than making them standing committees so that people could sign up to work on the projects they are most interested in. S. Close recommended a study done on indigenizing the residence. Julia would like to be a part of the reconciliation committee. Please send your interest to the Dean of Studies and or the Warden for these committees,

as well as the Standing Committees. A. Perry thought perhaps the Canadian Studies Committee could be re-configured. These two committees could be set by academic year as well.

MOTION: That Assembly form exploratory committees dedicated to Reconciliation and Sustainability for the academic year of 2022 / 2023.

A. Abra / A. Perry

CARRIED

- c) Financial update – The Bursar updated Assembly that our revenue in the Residence is up in part due to regular residents but also our contract with the government to house Ukrainian refugees, and that contract has been extended through the first time which is helping get us to winter term as there have been issues with students getting their visas in the fall and will hopefully get it ironed out for the winter term. Food services revenue is up dramatically. We are back to being a self-funded organization and are in a good position moving forward. The CRA case had a deposition and we are still awaiting further progress.
- d) College Building Projects – The Warden provided an update on two projects the College has in the works. The first is to renovate the third floor of the College. There was a stakeholders meeting with campus planning and it was useful and informative. There are a lot of groups on campus including the press, library, and research centres on campus, and so it will be to modernize and make better use of the space. The second one is the College residence. The plan has been to re-build the residence but with the pandemic and the rising costs, we're now looking at significant renovation which was one of the options presented by the architects. It is feasible to renovate and overhaul the space and take the part of the new build plan that had been to move the kitchen and create a bigger space for the Daily Bread, the Residence and connect the two, making it a more attractive entrance to the residence and food services, with a bigger event space and capacity for food services.

5. Other Business

The Warden informed Assembly that we are having a lunch on Monday, September 26 from 12 – 1 to welcome new members and give a brief orientation to the College

6. Reports

a) Reports from College Officers

Warden – See attached

Dean of Studies – See attached

Chaplain – See attached

Bursar – See attached

Dean of Residence – See attached

Development Officer – See attached

Registrar – See attached

b) Report from Senior Stick – See attached

7. Adjournment

I. Froese

By Consensus

St John's College – Standing Committees

2022-2023

Art, Music, Social

Warden
Dean of Studies
SJCSA Rep

Mary Benbow (A) (2019-2023)
Warren Cariou (A) (2019-2023)

Art Sub-Committee (including Student Art Competition:

Michael Minor (2022-2024)
Suzanne McLeod (2022-2024)
Susan Close (2022-2024)
Development Officer: (as resource)

Honorary Degrees

(Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and four members appointed annually by and from Assembly)
Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor
Christina Penner (2021-2023)
Derek Oliver (2021-2023)
Dawne McCance (2022-2024)
Caroline Piotrowski (2021-2023)

Social Sub-Committee

(including Soup & Bread):

Jamila Ghaddar (2021-2023)
Helen Holbrook (SJC Chaplain) (2021-2023)

Membership

Warden
Dean of Studies (Chair)
Julia Santos Amorim (2022-2024)
Adele Perry (2022-2024)
Bruce Erickson (2022-2024)

Assembly Executive

(4 members elected by Assembly for 3-year or lesser terms; at least one shall be a student)

Warden
Dean of Studies
Chair: Bonnie Hallman (2022-2024)
Francois Jordaan (2022-2024)
Jocelyn Thorpe (2022-2024)
Sarah Teetzel (2021-2023)
Len Kuffert (2021-2023)
Student: (Senior Stick or another student)

Scholarship

(4 Fellows elected by Assembly)

Warden
Dean of Studies (Chair)
Registrar
Dean of Residence
Benjamin Collins (2022-2024)
Brandon Trask (2021-2023)
Melanie Unrau (2021-2023)
Greg Bak (2022-2024)
Development Officer: (as resource)

Council Representatives

(6 members appointed by and from Assembly, of whom at least 1 shall be a College Fellow and at least 1 shall be a student)

Annette Desmarais (2021-2023)
Lisa Alexandrin (2022-2024)
Jennifer Dueck (2022-2024)
Karine Levasseur (2022-2024)
Kent Fowler (2022-2024)
Lori Wilkinson (2022-2023)
2 students

Visiting Speakers/Canadian Studies

Warden
Dean of Studies (Chair)
Lori Wilkinson (2021-2023)
Esyllt Jones (2022-2024)
Shadja Drury (2022-2023)
Lauren Kepkiewicz (2021-2023)
Anne Lindsay (2021-2023)

Finance and Administration

(3 members elected by Assembly)

(A = Assembly, C = Council)

Chancellor
Vice Chancellor
Bursar
Dean of Studies
Development Officer: (as resource)
J. James (C)
B. Beare (C)
G. Baldwin (C)
David Watt (A) (2022-2024)

Senior Common Room

Dean of Studies
Christina Penner (2019-2022)
Ivan Froese (2019-2022)
Jennifer Dueck (2019-2022)
Esyllt Jones (2022-2024)

Esquire Bedells

Melanie Unrau
Benjamin Collins

** please note, Religious Affairs and Student Affairs have not been active committees in recent years. They are not included in this list.

St. John's College

Warden's Report to Assembly, September 2022

The moment we have been planning for and eagerly awaiting for since I became Warden a little over a year ago is finally upon us: along with the University, the College has returned to in-person teaching and regular operations for Fall term. It has been wonderful to have so many people back in the building, especially our students. We are also glad to be able to provide a temporary home to a group of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine as they transition into life in Canada. The Daily Bread Café is busy, room bookings and catering contracts are plentiful, and our community is enjoying the usual round of College events that take place this time of year (BBQs, receptions, Matriculation, etc), but which have been at reduced scale or cancelled altogether during the pandemic.

Residence Renewal/Capital Campaign

Per the motion passed by College Council at the May meeting, the admin staff and I have spent the summer working with our Building Sub-Committee and other partners to explore the possibility of a renovation of the College residence rather than a new build. We now believe we have an exciting path forward for a major renovation to the residence and an addition that would upgrade and expand our food services. We are in the process of figuring out next steps for the project with respect to building and fundraising.

Theology/Diocese of Rupert's Land

We are pleased to be once again offering a course on Indigenous Christian Theology at the College this fall, as part of our arrangement with St. Margaret's Church and Canadian Mennonite University. I have also continued as a member of the Ministry Development Working Group, charged by the Diocese to consider the future of the Diocesan Ministry Developer position (previously partially funded by SJC) and education and training more broadly. We have met several times over the summer in order to create and circulate a questionnaire assessing needs in this area across the region. I was also pleased to serve as speaker and discussion leader, along with our then Dean of Studies Esyllt Jones, at the at the Diocese of Rupert's Land and Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Anglican/Lutheran Residential Study Conference in June 2022.

Teaching/Scholarship

In July I presented material from my current book project at the North American Society for Intelligence History conference. I also drafted an article this summer for a peer-reviewed history blog that is forthcoming soon. This fall I am pleased to be teaching the course "History of Britain from 1485" for the UM History Department, where I was also recently appointed Adjunct Professor.

Highlights of Other Recent Activities

- In May I represented SJC at the Head of Anglican Colleges meeting and Collegiate Way International conference.

- In June I represented the College at UM President Benarroch's Installation, as well as multiple Convocation ceremonies and the Graduation Pow Wow, and am grateful to the fellows who stepped in for ceremonies where I was unavailable.
- I completed the Senior University Administrators Course (SUAC) last Spring.
- Over the summer I was enrolled in UM's 11-week Indigenous Literacy Summer Institute.
- We had a number of lunches and gatherings with alumni over the summer, most notably the very successful Donor Appreciation Luncheon for the newly established Johnian Circle in late May.
- I served on the hiring committees for an events coordinator/faculty assistant to replace Amy Backhouse while she is on parental leave, and for a new Dean of Residence. We are pleased to welcome Hong Nguyen and Matthew Bowman to these roles – both have been great additions to the College.
- I met with Mark Kinzel regarding the Kuwala Christian Girls School in Malawi about possible partnerships with SJC.
- Discussions are ongoing with relevant stakeholders about a redevelopment of the third floor of the College building, including the Library.
- 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 September 2022

Membership

As Chair of the Membership Committee, I'm bringing forward five nominees from the committee for election as Fellows:

Senior Fellow positions

Dr. Sarah Teetzel is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management, where she just completed several years as Associate Dean (Undergraduate Education). Prof. Teetzel's research emphasizes human rights in sport and ethics in sport leadership. Her scholarship has been funded by SSHRC, the International Olympic Committee and the World Doping Agency.

Dr. Suzanne McLeod is a new Assistant Professor in the School of Art, teaching Indigenous Art History. Prof. McLeod has worked extensively with educators, governments, arts organizations, and Indigenous and settler communities in support of Indigenous culture, mental health and healing, education, and capacity building. In 2020, she earned her PhD (With Distinction) from the University of New Mexico's Art in the Americas program.

Dr. Jocelyn Thorpe is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Gender Studies and History. Prof. Thorpe's research draws from critical race, feminist, and environmental studies scholarship to examine the history and legacies of, as well as challenges to, colonialism in the Canadian context. Her most recent project explores the history of relationships among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Newfoundlanders and the territory they have come to share.

Visiting Fellow – 1 yr: New Applicants & Extensions

Dr. Melanie Unrau (extension) is a poet and a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University. She is currently based in Winnipeg, and affiliated with the Institute for the Humanities. She is working on "The Rough Poets: Petropoetics and the Tradition of Canadian Oil-Worker Poetry," a book project under advance contract with the Rural, Wildland, and Resource Studies Series at McGill-Queen's University Press.

Dr. Jamila Ghaddar (transition from adjunct fellow) is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow working under the co-supervision of Prof. Greg Bak, a Fellow at St John's, and Raymond Frogner, Director of Archives at the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation. Her project is entitled "Responding to the Call: Canadian archival decolonization for land, law & sovereignty." It focuses on how the Canadian archival community has engaged the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, in particular Calls #71 to #74 on "Missing Children and Burial Information."

SJC Committees

The committee membership roster has been updated and circulated at the start of term.

Opening of Term Reception

The term reception is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th immediately following the Assembly meeting. We will gather in the SCR and I am glad to be back to in-person gatherings, which I hope will give everyone a chance to chat and meet some of the fellows that joined the college during covid and have not yet had a chance to meet everyone.

Bursar's Report to Assembly September 20th, 2022

College Operations

The fall term marks the first full return to campus with a resumption of in person classes since the shutdown two and a half years ago. It is a welcome sight to see so many students in the hallways of the College, and classrooms occupied once again. It's also been great to see so many of the Fellows back at the College up on the second floor, and teaching in St John's classrooms. Things are almost beginning to feel normal. However, we are still mindful of ongoing COVID cases and taking precautions such as continuing to follow the mask mandate in place at the University. The return, which started gaining palpable momentum over the summer, has had a very positive impact on our overall College operations.

Residence/Summer Conferences

During the summer, we averaged approximately 25 regular students in the Residence, and had several groups staying with us such as the Wawatay Group and Math Camp. In July and August we were very happy to be able to engage in a contract with the Province of Manitoba and the Department of Families to provide housing for a large number of Ukrainian Refugees. 70 rooms at the end of July and beginning of August, dropping down to 50 at the end of August, and now continuing with 30 for the entirety of the fall term. This was a welcome development from both a financial/operations perspective as well as something we as a College feel is perfectly in line with the sort of charitable work and community outreach we are well positioned to provide. The arrangement has worked out well and we're glad to be able to help in some small way. In addition to the 30 rooms allocated for the Ukrainian Refugees, we have about 40 regular students in residence. Processing of international student VISA's and study permits are significantly backlogged at the moment, and this has impacted applications both for us at the College as well as with other residences on campus. We anticipate this will be resolved by the start of the winter term.

Food Services

Our Food Service operations have been extremely busy, and we are thankful for that. In addition to our increased activity due to higher numbers in the residence, we launched a new catering website at the beginning of July and people have been taking full advantage of it. Since its launch, we've received 127 catering orders. Also, the Daily Bread Café is getting busier every day.

Financial/Audit

All of these increases in activity at the College, and our ability to resume providing services to students and the University campus in general, has had a positive impact on our finances and a return to normal operations. Last spring, the College received authorization from Council to re-designate \$600,000 from the Sinclair Trust to Operating. This was in anticipation of our operational needs while we navigated

through what we hoped was the final stages of the pandemic and the university closure. Due to our increased activity over the summer both in the Residence and in Food Service, we've only had to draw \$400,000 into operating, and are hopeful we won't need to access the remaining \$200,000. If our current levels of operations continue, we should be back to a position where the College is fully self sufficient once again.

The annual College audit occurred in June, and draft financial statements will be presented to the Finance & Administration Committee and approved by Council at its September meeting.

CRA

On June 29th, examinations for discovery depositions took place in our ongoing appeal with CRA over our rejected CEWS claims. It was a lengthy process and a long day, but our lawyer was very pleased with how it went and felt it overwhelmingly supported our position and our case. He feels strongly that the Crown Counsel should be recommending to their client, CRA, that they settle in our favour, and that if it goes all the way to trial we will prevail. However, these facts don't guarantee our appeal will be accepted, so we are awaiting next steps with cautious optimism.

Staff Update

Congratulations to Amy Backhouse on the birth of her son Cole! Amy will be on maternity leave until December 2023. In her absence, we're very happy to have hired Hong Nguyen on a temporary basis to take over Amy's role. Hong worked previously at the RBC Convention Centre and the Manitoba Club and has done an excellent job in the two months she's been here.

Also, we had mixed emotions over our Dean of Residence, Fayaz Hasan, deciding to take on a new position in Brandon and leave St John's. Fayaz had been considering a move to Brandon for some time, so we knew this was a possibility. We are thankful for all the good work Fayaz did for the College and know that he will remain an engaged alumni.

We are also very pleased to have been able to hire Matthew Bowman as his replacement. Matthew was recently ordained a transitional deacon in the Diocese of Rupertsland, and is currently a Ph.D candidate at the University of Toronto. Matthew's involvement in student governance at Trinity College has provided him with a valuable understanding of the College ethos, and a keen awareness of the challenges facing students today which will serve him well in his role as Dean as he works to support our Residents.

Theresa Morgan resigned her position as Development Coordinator. We thank Theresa for the work she did for St John's, and we're currently in the process of hiring her replacement.

Dean of Residence Report – September 2022

I officially began as Dean of Residence on August 24. It's been wonderful getting to know the St John's community, and I'd be remiss were I not to thank the General Office team for their warm welcome and ongoing assistance in helping me get up to speed. A special thank you to Ivan Froese and Gabriela Melo for jointly shouldering the responsibilities of Dean of Residence in the interim between the departure of Fayaz Hasan and my arrival.

Residence Projects

A few routine maintenance projects were completed over the summer.

Several rooms and two apartments received new furniture from Kern-Hill including new twin mattresses (20 rooms), queen mattresses and frames (2 apartments), and 6 desks.

Physical Plant replaced desk light fixtures in 16 rooms and Accurate Dorwin conducted routine window maintenance in 28 rooms.

Ukrainian Refugees

Since mid-July the College has been honoured to partner with the provincial Department of Families in hosting Ukrainian refugees in the residence. We initially provided 70 rooms; in late August this reduced to 50 rooms; and from September 1 until the Winter break we've contracted for 30 rooms. Occupancy has hovered between 21 to 32 refugees, and as of this writing (September 14) stands at 25. The Department of Families has provided a case manager who handles the day-to-day check in/check out of refugees, with myself and the Dons team assisting with logging keys and access cards in her absence.

Regular Session

The residence continues to recover from lower numbers caused by the pandemic. For the Fall session we currently have 37 students, with an additional 3 or 4 waiting on delays in visa processing but hoping to join later in the term or for the Winter session. The residence is 62% international students with 54% being first year students.

Province/Nation	Students	Province/Nation	Students
Bangladesh	2	Nigeria	4
China	1	Ontario (London, Minaki)	2
Ecuador	1	Pakistan	1
Egypt	2	South Sudan	1
Gambia	1	Uganda	1
Ghana	4	Ukraine	1
Hong Kong	1	USA	1
Malaysia	1	Wasagamack First Nation	5
Manitoba	7	Zimbabwe	1

Summer Session

The Summer session had 26 students, along with 25-30 Ukrainian refugees.

Residence Activity

For the Fall Session the Dons are:

- Tawananyasha Matizanadzo (Senior Don)
- Cherno Hamidou Diallo
- Raihanah Rahim
- Jasmine Wood

It's been an exciting few weeks adjusting to everyone being on campus again, and figuring out how things were done before COVID. The Dons have been an invaluable source of institutional memory in beginning to get everything back up to normal speed.

The Co-President of the Residence Council is Bryan Oforikuma. Elections for a second Co-President, Financial Director, Communications Director, Yearbook Editor and 4 Hallway Representatives are being held on September 23. The annual Welcome Back banquet is on September 29.

The first House Meeting was well attended. We discussed the Residence Contract as well as sexuality and consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Bowman
Dean of Residence

September 2022 Report to St. John's College Council

Residents

Throughout the summer I met individually with a few residents, and we continued with the meditation group. Over the summer a few residents did help with the healing garden. Also, I did have a few conversations with the Ukrainian Refugees.

Student Council

Just started up with meetings (Mondays 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm). Council retreat is on November 12th

De-confusion Centre

I set up an information centre (with coffee and baked goods) in the Quiet room Sept. 7th, 8th, 12th and 13th. Overall, over 100 students visited the centre. It was great to see so many, and they took various pamphlets etc. Hopefully some will join the college. I am thinking of having a couple of days in January for the Winter session.

Fall programing

I am starting a variety of programs which include the following:

Celtic Daily prayer on Tuesday and Thursdays. 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Meditation every Friday 11:30 am to 12 noon

Drop by Art Sept 26 , Oct 3rd , 17th, and 31st

Labyrinth – Sept 28th – once a month

Wellness Group – twice a month September 21st, Oct 5th located in the spiritual care centre of the university (5th floor university centre)

I am hoping I can get a sense of what students are interested by presenting them with a variety of activities.

Healing Garden & Lunch and lively

During the summer we hired a student to work on the weeding, direct volunteers, and water the plants. September 22nd Dana Wood will present on Lunch and

lively on Indigenous knowledge and the healing garden. On the same day, Rev. Vince Solomon will lead a ceremony in the healing garden.

University of Manitoba Chaplaincy Group

I visit the group weekly and will co facilitate the wellness group with Deacon Michelle.

National Day of Reconciliation

On September 30th there will be a one-hour time of silence in the Chapel. I will be placing banners listing the locations of Manitoba's residential schools, candles, and shoes. Over the one-hour period, all are welcome to the Chapel.

Wechetowin (people helping people)

I continue to connect with the Anglican Indigenous group Wechetowin and the SJC student council would like to pack bags in October (they go to shelters and hospitals.) I am working out the details with Rev Tanis.

Save the Date – Chapel Fund Raiser

Jazz Christmas evening – Robert Burton and Jazz music students. Date: December 8th 2022, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Includes reception afterwards.

Food for the Journey

Hopefully we will have one the end of November.

Overall

Students and staff are excited and overwhelmed by in class education. It was a bit of a shock to see a busy campus life again. However, I am grateful!

Submitted by Rev. Helen Holbrook SJC Chaplain



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Registrar's Report September 2022

I continue as Acting Awards Clerk and the first round of applications have come in. This year we had 504 applications from 109 applicants.

"Welcome to the Herd" the UM orientation event, formerly known as Parents Program, was held in person on Saturday, June 18. Much thanks to Abby Vovchuk and Sharaina Cottick for working the recruitment table.

Welcome day was in person on Tuesday, September 6. Again, much thanks to Abby and Sharaina for joining me.

Jumpstart was held on Friday, September 9. There was a great turnout. Fantastic food thanks to our food services, wonderful entertainment thanks to a young man from Ukraine staying in our residence who sang, and fun activities planned. I want to personally say well done to our SJCSA on organizing this event.

The beginning of term barbeque was held on September 14 in partnership with St. Paul's College. This year it was held at St. Paul's College in the Belltower Café and was free for all members of both colleges.

Sherry Peters
Registrar



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ASSEMBLY REPORT

September 14, 2022

SJCSA EVENTS SINCE THE LAST ASSEMBLY MEETING

- SJCSA hosted Jumpstart on Friday, September 9th in Room 108. The event was successful with approximately seventy-five total participants. We had live music at the beginning and end of JumpStart performed by Ivan (he is a Ukrainian refugee currently residing at the College). Daily Bread Café served dinner, which was chicken on baguette, Danishes and mini cheesecakes. For activities, we organized a group Bingo and then more individual games such as Cards against Humanity, Uno and Janga. For the Bingo, we had three rounds (one line, two lines and blackout). The prize for Round 1 was a \$25 gift card to the Bookstore, Round 2 was a \$50 gift card and Round 3 was a \$100 gift card.
- Our meeting schedule for the term will be Mondays at 4:30pm going forward and we are still in the process of filling vacant positions.

UPCOMING SJCSA EVENTS

We will be having a Grand Reopening for the SJCSA Lounge which will be held on Wednesday, September 21st. We have ordered pizzas from the Daily Bread Café. After this date, the Lounge will be open to all St John's members to study and hangout.

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL

Council has provided some feedback regarding Jumpstart and what we think should be changed or considered for next year:

- Room 108 was good to host JumpStart but next year we would like to book the Daily Bread Patio instead as we might get more participants if they are passing by
- Maybe play some soft background music after the live music is finished performing

END OF REPORT