

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes
For the Meeting of September 27, 2023
Meal served at 5:30 pm, Meeting from 6:00pm Room 108

Present: G. Mawejje (Chair), K. Kent, A. Abra, J. Weimer, J. Smith, J. Markstrom, A. Rampton, S. Carleton, H. Holbrook, L. Wilkinson, I. Froese, B. Pope, J. Ripley, K. Levasseur, J. McConnell, R. Kaur, D. Oliver,

Regrets: K. Fowler, J. Dueck, G. Woodcroft, M. Bowman, J. James

1. Land Acknowledgement
The Chair began the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Opening Prayer
H. Holbrook opened the meeting with prayer.
3. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
J. Weimer / A. Rampton
CARRIED
4. Approval of the May 17, 2023 Minutes.
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2023 be approved as distributed.
J. McConnell / J. Weimer
CARRIED
5. Business arising from the Minutes
 - a) Honorary Degrees update – The Warden informed Council that Rev. Helen Kennedy, who was approved to receive an Honorary Doctor of Divinity at the November 2023 Convocation is unable to attend this year and so she will receive the Honorary Doctor of Divinity at the November 2024 Convocation.
6. New Business
 - a) Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Report – Pam Dupuis from BDO Canada, the lead on our audit, reviewed the process of the audit and presented the financial statements. The Auditors gave our finances a "clean bill of health" not withstanding the CRA matter.
MOTION From the Finance & Administration Committee: The Finance & Administration Committee recommends College Council approve the 2022-2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements.
CARRIED
 - b) Appoint Auditors
MOTION From the Finance & Administration Committee: The Finance & Administration Committee recommends College Council re-appoint BDO Canada as the auditors for 2023-2024.
CARRIED
 - c) Financial / CRA Update – The Bursar acknowledged that we are still emerging financially from the pandemic but as noted by the auditors, we are moving in the right direction. We've had a much busier summer than previous years. Our income from food services is up from last year, due largely to our catering which is exceeding everything done by catering in previous years. We continue to look to increase our residence occupancy rate. The Bursar also updated Council that we received a consent to Judgement in our favour in the matter with the CRA and the CEWS. We continue to await reception of the funds from the CRA, though we did receive an initial cheque for a portion of the funds. The Chair, on behalf of Council, thanked the Warden and Bursar for their hard work on all of this. The Warden and Bursar thanked Council for their support.
 - d) College Building Projects / UM Letter of Intent – The Warden updated Council on the status of the potential collaboration with the University on a new residence. We have received a Letter of Intent from the University which we made some amendments and returned to the University. Prior to today's

Council meeting, we received a further amended letter of intent. It is not legally binding and we still want to leave some flexibility for what is to come. This allows us to be flexible and hold onto the fundamentals of the College and our identity. Having this letter of intent does make this process a little more serious. Administration met with ft3 to discuss possibilities for a renovated food services/multi-purpose space without the residence attached to it.

MOTION: That College Council empowers Administration to sign the Letter of Intent presented by the University of Manitoba outlining non-legally binding terms for a partnership between UM and SJC to build a new residence building.

D. Oliver / A. Rampton

CARRIED

- e) Administration Summer Projects – The Warden updated Council that our focus has been on student recruitment and retention which was tied to our broader communications and marketing strategy. We hired Marissa Naylor as our Marketing and Communications Officer. We've added nearly 150 members since August 21. We have also hired David Plett on a term position for data analysis to do research for us including surveys of students staying in our residence, alumni, and the entire student body of the UM.

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council

- a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.

Council Executive met and set the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Development – no report

Finance & Admin met to approve the audited financial statements.

- b) Report from Assembly - Assembly met and elected Joerg Stedefeld, Annette Riziki, and Sean Carlton as Visiting Fellows; and discussed the progress of the updates on the Fellows Handbook.
- c) Reports from College Officers and Student Council
 - i) Warden – See attached
 - ii) Dean of Studies – See attached
 - iii) Development Office – See attached
 - iv) Bursar – See attached
 - v) Dean of Residence – See attached
 - vi) Chaplain – See attached
 - vii) Registrar – See attached
 - viii) Senior Stick – See attached

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

A. Rampton

CARRIED

St John's College

Warden's Report to College Council, September 2023

It was a very productive summer for the Admin team, as we resolved or made significant progress on a wide variety of issues and projects. The successful legal resolution of our appeal to CRA over the Covid-era Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) was a major victory that will go a long way towards reestablishing the financial security of the College after the upheavals of the pandemic. We also made headway determining the future direction of the college building projects, reconnected with alumni, advanced our communications and student recruitment strategies, and launched an ambitious campaign to learn more about our College community.

College Building Projects

Over the summer, the University presented us with a letter of intent to outline some preliminary terms for what a collaboration on a new residence might look like. We have been consulting with the College Solicitor on the letter, and hope to have a signed version very soon. We have also been consulting with Architectural and Engineering Services and the architectural firm FT3 about the third floor redevelopment and food service expansion. In terms of fundraising, the Development Officer and I have connected with a number of alumni and donors this summer, around Winnipeg and during trips to Kenora, Selkirk, and Carman, and there continues to be great enthusiasm for the projects.

Communications/Student Recruitment

I am so pleased to welcome Marissa Naylor to the College as our first Marketing and Communications Officer. Marissa began work in mid-August and has already done tremendous work redeveloping the College communications strategy. Marissa will be working with all College departments to streamline and modernize how we communicate with students, fellows, alumni, and the community. Another big focus of her position is student recruitment, a project the whole Admin staff have been working on over the summer starting with a brainstorming staff retreat in June. Led by the Registrar and Marketing and Communications Officer, the recruitment campaign is now well underway and already proving very effective in bringing our numbers back up towards pre-pandemic norms (and hopefully beyond!) It's wonderful to see so many new students finding and getting involved in the SJC community.

College Data Analysis

As part of our student recruitment efforts and to get a better sense of the interests and needs of our overall community we have hired David Plett in a term position as Data Analyst. He is analyzing raw data provided by the UM Office of Institutional Analysis and creating, circulating, and analyzing our own surveys of our students (and potential students), residents,

and alumni. The resulting information has already been very illuminating, and has helped us target our efforts around objectives like recruitment and fundraising more effectively.

Teaching/Scholarship

During the fall term I will be teaching another course for the History Department, which is a class new to UM of my own creation called “Between Victoria and Elizabeth, Britain 1901-1952.” Over the summer, I also continued work on a journal article based on my current book project on British secret agents which I will be shortly submitting to the *Journal of British Studies*, and completed the copyediting and proof stages for the chapter I wrote for *A Cultural History of Leisure in the Modern Age*, soon to be published by Bloomsbury press.

Highlights of Other Recent Activities

- On May 10, I attended the Isbister Legacy Luncheon with some of our alumni and donors.
- On May 12, along with fellow Lori Wilkinson, I met with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) about possible collaborations with SJC.
- On May 18, I attended the Convocation ceremony at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.
- On May 23, I attended the ordination of new priests in the Diocese, including our Dean of Residence, Matthew Bowman. Congratulations, Matthew!
- During the week of June 4, I represented the College at several UM Convocation ceremonies.
- On June 7 and 8, I virtually attended the annual Anglican Heads of School meeting.
- On June 23, I attended the SJR Convocation to present a scholarship to an incoming Johnian.
- On June 25, I joined a number of fellows and staff and their families at a fellowship event where we attended a Valour FC football match.
- On June 26, I hosted the UM President and Rector of St. Paul’s College for the second meeting of the newly reconstituted Inter-College Council.
- On June 27, I attended the second annual Johnian Circle Luncheon.
- On Sept. 7, I offered greetings at Jumpstart, the welcome back event organized by the SJCSA which was very well attended.
- Along with the Chancellor, I served on the search committee for the new Diocesan Discipleship Developer, who will be named in the near future.
- I served on the search committee for the College’s first Marketing and Communications Officer, which resulted in the hiring of Marissa Naylor.
- 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 Council September 2023

Welcome to the Fall 2023 Term!

Soup & Bread Lecture Series

The planning committee is currently sorting out our speaker schedule and the dates/times/topics/speakers should be available in the coming weeks. We look forward to a great line-up in the fall term! This is a great opportunity to get to know other fellows at the college and learn more about their research.

Lunch & Lively

The development office has organized the first Lunch and Lively event of the academic year. I am giving the lecture and I will be speaking on women and singing in the early church as it relates to issues of women's autonomy, religious identity, and the emerging patriarchal structures of the first 3-5 centuries. The talk is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 (from 12-2pm).

Marketing & Communications

As you already know, the college has hired Marissa Naylor in the marketing and communications position. If any of you receive awards or grants, publish books or articles, or receive any other form of recognition this year, please send her an email with the details (and picture if possible) for our social media channels and other college publications. We want to promote our fellows and their accomplishments and Marissa is standardizing this process, which makes things more streamlined.

Fellowship Roles and Responsibilities

The Warden and the Dean of Studies are currently updating the SJC Fellow's handbook, which is nearly complete (and will be ready by our Assembly on September 19). This document has been revised to provide a written document to all fellows on the specific roles and responsibilities of college membership. The updated guidebook clarifies the obligations of fellowship and outlines the specific duties associated with each committee. We recognize the fellows already have many responsibilities within their respective faculties, but we the sense of community at the college is one of our strengths and our success as a college depends on the participation of our fellows!

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee meets at the end of September to review applications and award the many scholarships and bursaries that SJC has to offer. This is a labour-intensive process but certainly one of the more fun aspects of committee work! The scholarships and bursaries are awarded in November at the convocation ceremony.

New Fellows

We are delighted to welcome some of our more recent fellows including Kathy Block, Julia Smith, and Niigaan Sinclair, who have all moved into their offices over the past few months!

Welcome to SJC Orientation!

Allison and I will host the "Welcome to SJC" orientation for new staff and fellows on Monday, September 25 at 12pm. More details to follow but please email me if you wish to attend.

Matriculation

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 1pm. Reminder emails have been sent on several occasions and we strongly encourage all fellows to participate. This is a great opportunity to welcome new fellows, staff, and students to the college and it is a lovely community event!

Start of Term Reception

The start of term reception will take place following the Assembly meeting on Tuesday, September 19.

Membership Committee

We have received three more applications for fellowship since our last assembly meeting and the Membership Committee has voted to admit the following applicants:

Visiting Fellow positions (1-year term)

Dr. Joerg Stedefeld is a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Manitoba, who holds a Tier-1 CRC in Structural Biology and Biophysics. His research examines the structure-property relationship of protein-protein interaction networks. His laboratory conducts experiments on cell surface receptors and their interactions with various ligand molecules, including netrins and CCN family members.

Annette Riziki is a PhD candidate and Rhodes scholar. Her work focuses on socioemotional learning in emergency contexts, particularly between teacher and student. She examines the role that teacher's play in a child's well-being.

Dr. Sean Carleton is an historian and Indigenous Studies scholar at the University of Manitoba. His research examines the history of settler colonialism, capitalism, and education and contributes to Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

Development Officer Report to Council
September, 2023

Fundraising

- Fundraising is off to a very slow start. This is the case for most charitable organizations as interest rates rise.
- Working on the Annual Appeal to go out early October with a follow-up early December.

Alumni/Stewardship

- Trips to Selkirk and Carman to meet with alumni with Allison and Marissa joined us for the Carman trip. Lots of good connections and ideas.
- Planning a trip to Toronto in mid-October. Will use that time to meet individuals and host a group alum luncheon.

Special Events

- Lunch and Lunch and Lively will be held during Homecoming. Dr. Jade Weimer will be presenting on "Autonomy, Unity, and Patriarchy in the Early Church: Framing Discourse on Women Singing in the First Five Centuries" So far, we have 20 people registered to attend.

Marketing/Communications

- We are delighted to be working with Marissa on our communications. Marissa has increased our profile on social media and we find that more alum are connecting with us.
- An e-newsletter will be out sometime early in October.
- Please send any content to Edmund in the Development Office.

Staffing

- Sharaina Cottick our Development Assistant is now working in the Assistant Bursar's office but Elnora Wiebe continues with inputting donations, generating tax receipts and reports.
- We will be working with Sherry and Matthew to encourage students to volunteer in the Development Office.

Capital Campaign

- Allison and I continue to meet with donors who have the potential to make larger gifts.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jackie Markstrom
11th September, 2023

Bursars' Report to Council September 27th, 2023

College Operations/Financial update

Some key metrics from our summer months indicates a strong start to the fiscal year, with all three areas performing better than 2022:

	2022	2023
Summer Residence (room and board)	\$266,794	\$300,212
Catering	\$58,951	\$146,026
Daily Bread Café	\$42,807	\$51,543

Our fall term Residence occupancy rate is quite low, despite the broader narrative that exists supporting a significant demand for student housing, particularly for International Students. St Andrews Residence finds themselves in the same situation. We have contacted MCO to alert them to this and they are working with us to amplify our message internally and externally so that we can serve the student population looking for safe, affordable, on campus housing. This highlights the ongoing challenge the College has of being able to have our profile elevated to a level equal to that of University Housing, and highlights the critical importance of us working more closely with UM in a collaborative way, as was stressed by the recently updated SCION Housing Report.

CRA Appeal

As has been reported widely, CRA agreed to a Consent to Judgement that allowed our appeals and affirms our eligibility for the CEWS program. This came about just days before we were scheduled to go to trial. We are grateful for all the support we as administration received from Assembly, Council, the Diocese, and the University of Manitoba. We are still jumping through hoops and navigating the bureaucratic process so that we can receive payment (approximately \$517,000).

Audit

BDO Canada performed an in-person audit for the 2022-23 fiscal year in June. Our last two audits have been complicated by the effects of the pandemic and the necessary financial transfers and reallocations resulting from the harsh financial impact brought on by the shutdowns, and these challenges have been exacerbated by the ongoing legal battle with CRA. Hopefully next year's audit will more closely resemble our pre-COVID operations. Finance & Administration met on September 18th to receive the draft statements and hear a report from Pam Dupuis of BDO Canada. Finance & Admin recommended their approval to Council.

Building Projects

During the summer, communications continued with UM to discuss the proposed joint Residence Project. This included working through a draft Letter of Intent between the College and the University to lay out some broad parameters within which to continue discussions that satisfies the needs of both parties. We have had this LOI reviewed and altered by our College Solicitor. We have sent that copy back to the University and hope to meet soon.

We also met with ft3 (College Architects), to discuss the potential Food Service Expansion Project in the event that the new Residence Project does not move forward. They presented a very attractive and exciting concept of what that might look like and how it would greatly improve our facilities and capabilities in the areas of Residence meals, catering, conferences, and an enhanced meeting space that could accommodate up to 300 people.

Staffing

There have been significant changes to the Administrative staff, with more to come in the next few months:

We are very pleased to have been able to hire David Plett on a short term basis to conduct some wide ranging data analysis through the use of surveys, targeting our Residence students and soon the entire University of Manitoba student cohort to determine what it is we are doing well, and what are some things we could be improving on or shifting our focus towards – all with the goal of better serving the needs of students and contributing to their overall academic success and personal growth.

We are also very excited to have been able to hire Marissa Naylor as our first Marketing & Communications Officer. Marissa has instantly accelerated and enhanced the marketing of the College and is working closely with MCO and other stakeholders to raise our profile and ensure that students know what St John's has to offer them. Our membership has already increased significantly and we anticipate that will soon translate to more Residents as well.

Congratulations are in order for two of our staff:

Beatriz Martins will be going on maternity leave at the end of December. We are going to miss her but wish her all the best while she is away. In her absence, I'm very happy that Sharaina Cottick, a 4th year Asper Student majoring in accounting and long time College member and member of SJCSA, has agreed to fill in for Beatriz while she is on leave. I'm equally grateful that former longtime Assistant Bursar Elnora Wiebe has agreed to fill in whatever gaps remain while Sharaina finishes her degree. Her knowledge and expertise will be invaluable during this time.

Hong Nguyen, who has so ably filled in for Amy Backhouse while away on maternity leave, has managed to find a permanent full time position with the Rady Faculty at the Bannatyne Campus. We will miss Hong, but also celebrate this new opportunity for her. David Plett has graciously agreed to assume her position and fill in for the last few months of her term until Amy returns in January.

As you can see, there have been lots of changes and there are more moving parts ahead, which would all be much more challenging if we didn't have such a supportive team willing to step in where needed and assist in helping to keep our College Operations moving forward.

Dean of Residence – Report to Council (September 2023)

It was a busy summer in the Residence with an average of fifty student residents each month, along with group bookings from the Centre for Earth Observation Science, Centre for Healthcare Innovation, Wawatay (Faculty of Science), and Math Camp. From July 2 to 19 Residents were invited to participate in a Residence survey administered by David Plett, to whom thanks are owed for his guidance and skill in developing the survey questions and analyzing the data.

Residence Maintenance

Several maintenance/state of good repair projects were completed over the summer:

- Two of our washing machines gave out (after a stellar twenty years in service!) and were replaced with equivalent current models from Midland Appliance.
- Accurate Dorwin conducted routine window maintenance in 36 rooms.
- MJ Chauhan Wood Works repaired/replaced the flooring in 20 rooms, combining pieces between rooms where possible and completely replacing the floor when necessary.
- Dreamcoat Painting painted the basement level common rooms, the Buttery, and the Food Service and Housekeeping offices.
- A bank of two urinals (which had been leaking into a basement maintenance room) were replaced on the first floor, requiring demolition of the existing concrete platform.

We are currently awaiting work on a crack in the foundation discovered outside the Dining Room.

Regular Session

We learned the first week of August that University Student Housing enrollment numbers were down, and while the University's residences were mostly full they would not be advising students on their waitlist to apply to St John's or St. Andrew's – because they had no waitlist.

As a result, Residence enrollment for Fall/Winter remains below what has been budgeted for with 40 students currently in residence. I have worked with Marissa Naylor, the College's new Marketing and Communications Officer to advertise the Residence to community groups focused on aid to newcomers, and we have both continued to build relationships with University department contacts in hopes they might have students looking for housing who could be sent our way. The Residence community is comprised of 77.5% international students (up from 62% last academic year and an average proportion of 52.19% for available data from 2015-2022)

Province/Nation	Students	Province/Nation	Students	Province/Nation	Students
China	2	Kenya	2	Sri Lanka	1
Colombia	1	Kuwait	1	Uganda	1
Ecuador	1	Malaysia	1	Wasagamack First Nation	6
The Gambia	1	Nigeria	7	Zambia	4
Ghana	4	Pakistan	1	Zimbabwe	1
Japan	1	Singapore	1		

Residence Activity

For the Fall Session the Dons are:

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

Residence Council Co-Presidents

- Bryan Oforikuma
- Neil Oforikuma

The Residence Council is hoping to get off the ground in the coming weeks and is hosting a trip to Activate in East Kildonan on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Bowman
Dean of Residence

Summer 2023 Residence Survey

Demographic Data

Time in Residence	Percentage
Four months or fewer	64.5%
One year	16.13%
Between two and four years	19.35%

ICM vs U of M student	Percentage
ICM	48.39%
U of M students or MITACS interns	51.61%

Gender Identity	Percentage
Woman	32.26%
Man	61.29%
Intersex	3.23%

Sexuality	Percentage
Heterosexual (Straight)	68.97%
Gay	6.90%
Bisexual or Pansexual	10.34%

Belong to a wellness practice, spirituality, religion, or faith tradition, or being non-religious	Percentage
Religious or Spiritual	20.8%
Christian	37.5%
Non-Religious or Non-Spiritual	41.6%

Respect for Diversity, Differences, and Religious Beliefs

If you have a wellness and/or religious practice, do you feel you can practice it in Residence?	Proportion		
	Religious (n=15)	Non-Religious (n=9)	Non-Responsive (n=7)
Yes	0.40	0.09	0.29
No	0.20	0.09	0.00
Non-Response	0.40	0.82	0.71

Residents indicating "no" made suggestions for gym equipment and Sunday chapel services.

To what extent do you feel ... respect people of differing religious beliefs?	Weighted Averages		
	Religious (n=15)	Non-Religious (n=9)	Non-Responsive (n=7)
Your fellow residents	3.80	4.44	4.00
St John's College	3.80	4.56	4.00
St John's College staff (Food Services, Residence, General Office)	3.87	4.78	4.00

How satisfied are you with the St John's College Dons in terms of...	Religious (n=15)	Non-Religious (n=9)	Non-Responsive (n=7)
Treating everyone fairly	3.36	4.67	4.67
Promotion of tolerance of others	2.77	3.89	4.67
Respecting ethnic, racial, and sexual/gender diversity	3.54	4.56	4.50

Residence Environment and Community

How important to you is...	Weighted Average	To what extent are other residents...	Weighted Average (n=29)
Sufficient study time	4.45 (n=29)	Respectful of your study time	4.24
Sufficient sleep time	4.65 (n=29)	Respectful of your sleep time	4.38
Respect of our privacy	4.72 (n=29)	Respectful of your privacy	4.55
Respect of your property	4.89 (n=28)	Respectful of your property	4.69
Hygienic environment	4.79 (n=29)	Maintaining cleanliness	3.83
Academic success	4.66 (n=29)	Concerned about your academic success	3.90
Social community	3.90 (n=29)	Concerned with building social community	3.48
Personal friendship	4.00 (n=29)	Concerned with forming friendships	3.28

To what extent do you...	Weighted Average (n=29)
Trust other students living in the Residence	3.52
Respect other students living in the Residence	4.41
Feel accepted by other students living in the Residence	3.97
Have close relationships with other students living in the Residence	3.17

How satisfied are you with safety and security at the College in terms of...	Weighted Average
Security of possessions in your room	4.30 (n=27)
How safe you feel in your room	4.30 (n=27)
How safe you feel in the Residence building	4.43 (n=28)

Residence Dons

How satisfied are you with the St John's College Dons in terms of...	Weighted Average (n=29)
Availability	3.97
Efforts to get to know you	3.38
Gaining your respect	3.79
Helping with a problem	4.10
Treating everyone fairly	4.03
Enforcing policies	3.93
Organizing programs/activities	3.32
Promotion of tolerance of others	3.54
Respecting ethnic, racial, and sexual/gender diversity	4.07
Communicating rules and regulations	4.11

Residence Rooms

How satisfied are you with residence rooms in terms of...	Weighted Average
Your ability to study in your room	3.96 (n=28)
Your ability to sleep in your room	3.78 (n=27)
Your degree of privacy	3.96 (n=28)
Noise level of your floor	3.74 (n=27)

Residence Facilities

How satisfied are you with the College facilities in terms of...	Weighted Average
Cleanliness of common areas	3.93 (n=28)
Interactions with housekeeping staff	4.14 (n=28)
Timeliness of repairs	3.52 (n=27)
Cleanliness of bathroom facilities	3.93 (n=28)

How satisfied are you with the services provided by the College in terms of...	Weighted Average
Internet Connectivity	4.18 (n=28)
Laundry facilities	4.43 (n=28)
Common areas	4.19 (n=27)
Mail and parcel delivery	4.30 (n=27)
Application process	4.27 (n=26)
Fee payment process	4.33 (n=27)

Meal Plan

How would you rate the quality of our food for...	Weighted Average (n=28)	How would you rate the quantity of our food for...	Weighted Average (n=28)
Breakfast	3.46	Breakfast	3.96
Lunch	3.50	Lunch	4.11
Dinner	3.21	Dinner	4.07
Brunch	3.64	Brunch	4.18

Do you have any dietary needs that we do not currently accommodate?	Weighted Average (n=26)
Yes	3
No	17
I choose not to answer	6

Residents indicating "no" described their needs as "white rice and tomato stew" and "Halal option."

How welcoming and helpful are the kitchen staff?	Weighted Average
	4.36 (n=28)

Satisfaction with Residence Experience

To what degree has living in St John's Residence...	Weighted Average
Enhanced your learning experience	3.70 (n=27)
Enhanced your overall university experience	4.04 (n=27)
Provided you with a sense of community	3.79 (n=28)
Fulfilled your expectations	3.71 (n=28)

To what degree would you recommend living in St John's Residence to friends or family?	Weighted Average
	3.82 (n=28)

How would you rate the value for money...	Weighted Average (n=28)
Of the meal plan...	3.14
Of the room accommodation	3.71
Overall	3.61

September 2023 Report to St. John's College Council

Student Council

I have met with the new senior stick, will attend the first meeting and the council will decide on a retreat date.

Summer programing

Consisted of visits, and gardening.

I had one service on August 23rd, Evan Chan (student) who is taking his doctorate in Toronto (Edgar French attended). After the service others joined us in the Daily Bread for Lunch.

August 25th : Gardening and ice cream, with elder Amanda Wallin (funded by the Anglican fund). Three students helped prepare packages of samples from the garden on August 24th. 12-14 attended.

Planning for the Fall

Individual meetings

Continue to visit with students and residents.

Programing for the Fall

Weekly meditation on Fridays at 11:00 am starting Sept 15th

Weekly Communion Services Thursdays at 1:00pm starting Sept 14th

Weekly Wellness Group Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Spiritual and multicultural center starting Sept 27th

Thursday September 14th 10:30 am to 12 noon, De confusion Centre

Living Room Communion 2:30 pm (once a month) Spiritual and multicultural centre.

Taize prayer with St Paul's chaplaincy (twice a term) September 27th at 3:30 pm in St John's College Chapel

Friday September 30th 11 am to 12 noon , hour of silence Truth and Reconciliation Day in the Chapel

Queer Evensong – October 5th – details to come.

In process – Ben Girgis will do a placement at St John's for his theology degree.
Details to come.

Food for the Journey – To be confirmed – November – Inter culturalism – Living it!

Submitted by Rev. Helen Holbrook SJC Chaplain



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Registrar's Report September 2023

114 Students applied for scholarships and bursaries for the April 1 deadline, 120 students applied for the July 31 deadline. Overall, this is triple the number of applicants for each deadline. In total, there were 210 unique applicants. The Scholarship Committee has meetings scheduled the last two weeks of September to discuss the applications and decide the awards. Given the large number of applicants, it a lot of work for the committee. However, with the newer, online format of the applications which has streamlined the amount of repetition involved, I am hopeful the workload somewhat balances out. Still, I thank the Scholarship Committee in advance, for their hard work and dedication.

Matriculation was held on September 19. Thank you to all of you who attended and made it such a wonderful event for the students. Thank you also to Miriam, Marissa, Hong, David, Matthew, and Beatriz for all your help. And thank you to Victoria, Kezia, Sabrina, Haylyn, and Mariam, my student volunteers.

A reminder that Convocation is on Sunday, November 5. You will have received the invitation and so I remind you to go to the link and submit your RSVP. I would love to have a full platform party at the front of the chapel. Brian Bowman and Patricia Bovey will receive an Honorary Doctor of Canon Laws (honoris causa), and Vincent Solomon will receive an Honorary Fellowship. Helen Kennedy is not able to attend this year and so she will receive her Honorary Doctor of Divinity at the 2024 convocation. We will also be presenting our own Brenda Cantelo with the Fellows Recognition Award this year.

Sherry Peters
Registrar