ARTS STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday April 17, 2017
1:00pm, PAS 2438

Present: Emma Courlander, Marina Ivanova, Kathryn MacDonald, Stacy Reda, Victoria Salim, Jameson Schildroth, Sharon Secord, Julie Thomson, Janice da Silva, Doug Peers, Maureen Stafford

Absent: Bonnie Bishop, Rita Cherkewski, Stephanie Bromley (on Secondment)

Notes

1. Dean’s Report and Q & A
   - Board of Governors (BOG) membership changes as several committee members are leaving. The new memberships will be announced in June.
   - Government Strategic Mandate - Corridor funding just announced with a due date in 3 weeks to respond.
     - Arts questions the Corridor Funding, as it is not clear how it will be for us but know it will not be good in Arts as it limits the amount of students we are able to enroll. We will have a corridor based on current number of undergraduate and graduate students.
     - Government’s reasoning is not to allow universities in Southern Ontario to soak up all the students, which would leave the rest of rural Ontario in trouble.
     - The concern is we currently failed to meet our domestic grad targets making our corridor smaller.
     - Only possible way to make up the difference in lost funding would be to enroll more international students, since we are unable to raise tuition or enroll students out of our corridor limit.
   - Arts is working on budgets and trying to align them with the new funding.
     - Currently, 5 out of 6 Faculties are in the red (Math is the only one in the Black).
   - Executive Council meeting’s main discussion was Mental Health with a focus on student health and well-being.

2. Leaning & Development Committee (Emma)
   - Update on QPR Suicide Awareness Workshop (May 9th in HH 1101)
     - 48 registered so far
     - School of Accounting and Finance, Dept of English, and Stratford Campus are hosting their own QPR talks.
     - Psych Society asked to attend. We are to send all students to the Arts Student Union to organize their own workshop.
     - An email to Arts Faculty will go out to allow also them to attend our workshop.
• A question was brought up on the practice of informing teachers when we lose a student. We were advised that it is out of our control as there are privacy issues, and the family has to consent.

• UWMates program (http://www.feds.ca/uw-mates/) a counselling-based, one-on-one peer support program offered by the Federation of Students and Counselling Services.

• Will consider offering another workshop in Fall 2017 on “Managing Difficult Conversations – Assessing and Setting Context” or “Managing Difficult Conversations – Planning and Engaging”.

• We are waiting to hear more from CMAHRO about the new 5/7 course certificate that will be available this coming Fall. We can promote this if going ahead but people would be required to register on an individual basis.

3. Community Outreach and Social Committee (Sharon)
• Coffee Break will be on Thursday April 20, 2:00-3:00pm in the Gallery of the Theatre of the Arts, Second Floor of ML. We will not be collecting for the foodbank this time. Another reminder to be sent today.

• Next possible Coffee Break will be in late July or early August. Just waiting to hear when the Arts BBQ will be held before a date can be finalized.

• The committee will be meeting again shortly to discuss possible upcoming events such as United Way – Day of Caring and/or Tech Savvy Lunch hours where we can receive training on Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.

4. Earth Week: Community Cleanup Day (Marina)
• We will meet in EV3 on Friday, April 21st from 12:00-1:00 pm. Seventeen people have signed up so far to help clean-up. This is an annual university event. More information found at 20 Minute Makeover.

5. No other business arising

Next Meeting – Monday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. PAS 2438