ARTS STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
1:00 p.m., PAS 2438


Regrets: Angela Christelis, Susan Cole, Jessica Jordao, Kathryn MacDonald, Sara Robertson.

Notes

1. Dean’s Report
   • There has been a cut to tuition but not operating grants. The government is moving away from funding based on enrollment (90% of the budget has been from this) towards performance-based metrics that may be used in a pass/fail system. The total amount of funding may not change, but institutions may be more directly accountable for the assessment areas.
   • The government appears to have interest in issues related to higher education (e.g., tuition, freedom of speech), but less interest in higher education as a whole. The government has not determined research as a priority, and some funding cuts affect research.
   • There was a recent UW Executive Council Retreat. Two important themes discussed at the retreat were the strategic plan and using data for planning.
     o Subthemes of the strategic plan include:
       i. Leading the way in education with new ways of teaching,
       ii. Research for global impact, and
       iii. Building community.
     o There is renewed interest in lifelong learning and building programs for micro-credentials. This also has benefits outside the enrollment corridors and regulation.
     o UW has very good data and will have an IT review and discussion about how we to better use data.
   • The Honours Arts co-op program will be up for approval at the next senate meeting. The program cannot accept additional students, but it would allow more students to participate in co-op. This is aligned with the government’s priorities.
   • Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) funding came through as promised, but the government may review OGS in the future.

2. Social and Community Outreach Committee Report
   • The de-stressing colouring event was held in May. Only 6 people attended; possibly the email invitation subject may have confused some staff. Another colouring event will be planned in the future.
   • The potluck lunch will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019.
     o The theme is ‘green’, or ‘eco-friendly’.
o The potluck will include a charity cookbook sale. Staff are invited to donate cookbooks, and come ready to buy cookbooks for $1. All money raised will be sent to a charity at the end of the year.
o ASAC will send out an email invitation for the potluck lunch.
o **ACTION 1**: Members to promote the potluck and cookbook charity sale.
o **ACTION 2**: Members to invite feedback from staff about a charity to which the funds could be sent.

- ASAC is responsible for organizing the Arts picnic. The picnic is usually the first week of July. A scheduling complication is that the new dean takes office on July 1, 2019. The Arts Office does not yet have access to the incoming dean’s calendar, but this will be discussed tomorrow.
o **ACTION 3**: ASAC members invited to help with planning and implementing the picnic, and also to invite staff to volunteer to help.
o **ACTION 4**: Rita will provide Shelby a folder; Shelby and committee will start organizing the picnic, and then engage additional volunteers.

3. Communications and web committee Report
- The committee developed two poster template examples and will now choose one for printing.
- **ACTION 5**: Juli-Ann will print the posters and mail them to ASAC members to hang on their doors.

4. Learning and Development Committee Report
- No update. **ACTION 6**: Rita will convene a meeting to support the committee.

Other business arising
- Juli-Ann will be leaving the Faculty of Arts. Tammy will assume the role or UWSA representative; Jessica will remain the back up.

ASAC Sub-committee Members
- **Communications and Web Committee**: Angela, Janine, Michael
- **Staff Relations Representative**: Elizabeth, Janine (back up)
- **Staff Association Representative**: Tammy Neal, Jessica Jordao (back up)
- **Social and Community Outreach Committee**: Angela, Sara, Shelby
- **Learning and Development Committee**: Elizabeth, Jameson

**Next Meeting** – Monday, June 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., PAS 2438