ARTS STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, October 18, 2018
1:00 p.m., PAS 2438

Present: Rita Cherewski, Susan Cole, Janice Da Silva, Shelby Davies, Kathryn MacDonald, Janine Ouimet (notes), Douglas Peers, Jameson Schildroth, Sharon Secord

Regrets: Sam Vanderkerckhove

Notes

Dean’s Report (Doug)
- Missed Dean’s Council.
- The Faculty of Arts session for the Waterloo Strategic Plan was very well attended.
  - One message that keeps coming back from faculty, staff, and students, is the importance of the sense of community.
  - MacLean’s rankings just came out. Waterloo is categorized as a comprehensive university and is rated in comparison to universities in the same category. Waterloo has room to improve in the domain of mental health.
  - All staff are encouraged to participate in strategic planning.
- The Dean’s Parade, which is the kickoff event at Senate for the United Way Campaign is today. CTV is covering it; it will start near Needles Hall.

ASAC members update (Rita)
- Rita is acting Chair, Stacy is on leave.
- ASAC requires three additional nominations. Angela Christelis, Sara Robinson, and Juli-Ann Perkins will join as of January 2019.
- ACTION: Kathryn will ask some staff if they may be interested in joining.

Social and Community Outreach Committee Report
- Thirteen people attended the Acts of Kindness Event, and 6 finished cards were donated back.
  - Sharon asked for feedback on where the cards could be donated, but there was no strong recommendation for recipients.
  - Staff provided lots of good feedback about the session, and so the committee would like to organize additional session(s) to generate enough cards to be sent somewhere.
  - Rita will donate supplies art for future sessions.
- The Arts Coffee Break will be scheduled during Nov 4-10, based on Doug’s schedule.
- The potluck lunch will be arranged; can do Christmas tags (make them for an activity); could combine with cookie exchange. The event will require a sign up process.
UWSA Meeting Report (Sam via Rita)

- The September meeting (minutes available at: https://uwaterloo.ca/staff-association/sites/ca.staff-association/files/uploads/files/minutes-9-13-2018.pdf) included a presentation on mental health literacy training. Staff expressed the need for a more coordinated effort across staff and training to make mental health more accessible.
  - UWSA requests that staff send ideas for how to have mental health training to the UWSA representatives or Sam Vanderkerckhove.
- Staff also discussed UW becoming a smokefree campus.
- The President’s Report encouraged staff to vote in UWSA elections. Oct 25 is general meeting. Rose Voight is the incoming president. President working to have frank conversations about what matters to staff.
- Staff Craft Sale is scheduled for Nov 29-30, 2018 in the DC Fishbowl.

Other business arising

- ASAC members discussed if a UW policy on cannabis will be developed. Update (November 8, 2018): Refer to https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-29/approach-cannabis-legalization-qa

Next Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., PAS 2438