



Department Representatives Bulletin

Following is a recap of the Department Representatives meeting of October 12, 2016.

The meeting was chaired by the President, Sandra Hoenle.

For further information on any item, please contact the Faculty Association office:

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Department Representatives Handbook

Dr. Hoenle welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that a link to the Department Representative Handbook and password was sent by email. If you have any questions on this material please let us know. Questions regarding this material can be directed to the Association Office.

Maintaining confidentiality is the top priority for the Faculty Association. The Faculty Association's office staff are not employees of the University, they are employees of the Association. Any contact that members have with Association staff will be kept strictly confidential unless directed otherwise. The Faculty Association goes to extraordinary lengths to ensure that no elected Officer or Board of Directors member is ever informed about any confidential personal information without the Member's consent. Any questions about confidentiality can be directed to Executive Director Sheila Miller.

Posters

Dr. Hoenle spoke regarding the anti-Muslim posters that were found on campus and stated she was pleased that the Administration took quick action and sent strong messages that such messages will not be tolerated on campus.

Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) Consultation

Miller stated that the Association has submitted our response to the PSLA consultation. The document can be found on our website. She stated that the feedback provided at the special meeting of Department Representatives held in late September was invaluable to the Association. If you or your colleagues have further comments/thoughts, please let us know.

Eyes High Oversight Committee

President Cannon would like renew, or "energize" the Eyes High strategy as it is now over 5 years old. Renewal is to take place during the University's 50th anniversary year, with the new strategy to be ready for launch in March 2017.

The "Energizing Eyes High Strategic Oversight Committee" (EEH-SOC), with representatives from all stakeholders and reporting to both General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors, is to "provide oversight to the design and implementation of a revised Eyes High consultation process, communication strategy, feedback themes, document drafts, final revised strategy and approval process." Paul Rogers is the Association rep on the EEH-SOC.

There is no intent to change the existing three "foundational commitments", but during the forthcoming consultation process, feedback is going to be sought as to what extent efforts and activities relating to these have been successful. Feedback is also going to be sought on two additional themes, these being "Campus Culture" and "Student Experience".

Hoenle encouraged academic staff to participate in a focus group and complete the online survey as the new strategy will impact how the UofC allocates its resources in the future.

CAUT Investigative Committee

Miller noted that she spoke with David Robinson, the Executive Director of CAUT at the beginning of September and that her sense was they would be releasing their report by the end of the November regarding their investigation. Miller noted this is a CAUT Committee not a Faculty Association Committee.

Upcoming Arbitration

Miller advised that the Association has an interest arbitration from the Assessment bargaining table that will be taking place later this month. Our position is that discipline is a separate process from assessment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

November 17, 2016

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: TBA