Changes in SAC

The following staff members have resigned from SAC: Kathy Comp and Marla Siekkinen. Chris Bell and Tyler Belz have agreed to fill in for the remainder of their term. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the committee.

Chair: Lynn McManness-Harlan
Vice Chair: Stephanie Shipton
Secretary: Brenda Metheny
Treasurer: Suzie Miller

The Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) is elected to represent the interests, opinions and concerns of the non-exempt staff by communicating these concerns to the Allegheny Executive Committee (AEC). The SAC is comprised of eleven non-exempt employees. Representatives are elected by the staff to serve a two-year term of office, which runs from July 1 to June 30, with elections being held in April.

The SAC meets every first Thursday of the month, members of the campus community are welcome to attend.

The Gateway

During the January 3rd SAC meeting, Terry Bensel joined the committee to explain the changes with ACCEL and the Learning Common’s. Soon to be known as Allegheny’s Gateway. On February 7th, he shared the following with SAC.

The current strategic planning process, begun in the summer of 2009 when President Mullen convened a summer planning group, has resulted in a number of new ideas and initiatives for the College. One idea that emerged from the summer 2009 group, and refined by subsequent planning groups, was for a “Center” that would help prepare Allegheny students to “excel as citizens of a diverse, interconnected world”. During the fall semester of 2012 the AEC took up the recommendations of these planning bodies, especially those of the summer 2012 Middle States Alignment Working Group, and began to develop the Center idea into what is now being called Gateway.

The Gateway is designed to bring together three critical areas of study necessary to prepare students to succeed in the world beyond Allegheny — diversity, internationalism, and civic engagement. In addition, a focus on internships, undergraduate research, and careers will be at the center of the work done in the Gateway, helping Allegheny students make connections between the work they do here and the skills needed to succeed after graduation. The Gateway builds upon the success of ACCEL while bringing the work done there into closer collaboration with academic programs across campus. As part of the Gateway initiative, the Learning Commons will be renamed the Academic Commons and will be expanded to include faculty development programs, making it a teaching and learning center. The Academic Commons will also be home to the FS Experience, a program that would span students’ first two years and include academic advising, orientation, the FS program, and programs for helping students arrive at declaring a major/minor.

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What's Going On?

Let us know what your department, office and/or group is doing. Submissions can be sent to: lmcmanne@allegheny.edu

New Employee Luncheon on Tuesday, January 8th at McKinley's
The following new employees joined SAC members for an informative session and lunch: Sara Pineo, Kelly Wright, Diane Patton, Nicole MacQuarrie, and Annie Corbin. Welcome to Allegheny!

Tuesday, 3/12 at 4:30pm, location TBA
Wednesday, 3/20 at 2:30 pm,
Friday, 4/12 at 2:30 pm,

To learn more about Safe Zones and the Gator Safe Zone program please visit the Safe Zone section of the Intercultural Center (CIASS) website: http://sites.allegheny.edu/ciass/gator-safe-zone/

If you are unable to attend these sessions, future dates will be scheduled during the spring semester and can be found on the Upcoming Programs page on the Intercultural Center site.

For more information, please contact Valerie Guerrero.

What is a Gator Safe Zone Ally?

An ally is an individual who works to end oppression personally and professionally through support and advocacy of an oppressed population, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. Allies may be prompted to action because they are alarmed at the pervasive negative attitudes towards LGBTQ people in a heterosexist and gendered society. Although the term ally is most often used to refer to heterosexual allies, we include LGBTQ individuals who actively support the needs of their community in our definition of a Gator Safe Zone ally.

Track 1 – Developing a Common Understanding

This two-hour session focuses on understanding key terms and the impact of language as they relate to gender, sexuality, and individual identities. This first track helps participants clarify their own attitudes and beliefs about homophobia & transphobia while also identifying examples of heterosexism & privilege. This track aims to assist participants in understanding how the stated objectives relate to your own role on campus. Individuals who participate in track one have the option to continue to track two.

EYE ON IT

Please send your ideas!
If you have stories, articles or suggestions for the Staff Newsletter, please send an email to: lmcmanne@allegheny.edu

GUESS WHO?

How well do you know your fellow staff members?

This person has worked for Allegheny for 7 years. He/she attended Conneaut Lake High School and has a B.A. in psychology from Edinboro University. This person was born in Tokyo, Japan. Married for 20 years. They have 3 children, including twins, 2 dogs and a cat. Hobbies include fishing and listening to audio books. This person’s lucky # is 13 and loves turtles. He/she worked for the Girl Scouts for 7 years as their IT person.

(Answer is on the back)