Forum Agenda
Via Zoom
2/24/2021
1- 2pm CST

● Call to Order & Welcome - Hanah

● Change in Forum Leadership
  ○ Upcoming Elections
    ■ Co-Chair (begins immediately, until Winter 2022)
      ● This will fill in the vacancy left by Jovan’s departure
    ■ General Elections
      ● Co-Chair, Spring 2021 thru Winter 2022 & Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
        ○ Hear from Hanah about the Chair position!
      ● Secretary, Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
        ○ Hear from Karina about the Secretary position!
      ● CEDI Representative, Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
        ○ Hear from Miiko about the CEDI position!
    ■ Bookstore Advisory Representative, Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
      ○ Typically meets once/term for 30-60 minutes. Whitney shares updates from Barnes & Noble, and attendees can ask questions, provide feedback, or share concerns we’ve heard from campus about the bookstore, textbooks, non-book stock, policies, etc. Contact me at mcashin if you’d like to talk about this position more!
    ■ Security Services Advisory, Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
      ○ Hear from Mikki about the Security Services position!
      ○ Meets twice per term, for about an hour
  ○ Special Events (2), Spring 2021 thru Winter 2023
    ○ Hear from Hanah about the Special Events position!
      ○ Names & bio/platform due Monday, March 15

● Committee Reports
  ○ Special Events - Brian Murphy, Vacant
    ■ Late Winter/early Spring Term event
    ■ Interested in serving as Forum’s (interim) rep?
    ■ With Brian’s consent, we’re sharing his CaringBridge page
  ○ CEDI - Miiko Taylor
    ■ 2nd large group anti-racism training took place
    ■ Anti racism affinity groups begun
    ■ IDE Steering Committee working on focus groups with different constituencies that will be led by Cambridge Hill Partners, the outside firm that is assisting the steering committee.
    ■ IDE is trying to distinguish itself as different from the Anti-Racism training. Their primary goal is to create a clear vision of where the College needs to go in the next 10 years.
    ■ LIFG subcommittee was tasked to look into how the international students fit within this subgroup of students.
Some international students are not first-gen but can have a similar experience to the first-gen situation due to not having familiarity with U.S. higher education system.

About 25% of international students are low-income although the threshold is different than domestic students.

Rod Otto is the main person that works with those students with financial issues.

In packaging aid for students, student financial services takes into account the country’s economic situation including cost of living, currency rate, tax rates, etc.

Working on better ways to communicate with Carleton community on CEDI & College initiatives and updates

- Budget Committee - Cindy Spehn
  - The FY22 budget has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Starting in March, the Budget Committee begins its cycle of work to prepare the FY23 budget.

- Benefits Committee - Lanhao Yang
  - Retirement contributions will continue- if you have questions you can contact Lanhao or HR
  - Changes to personal contribution, You need to make changes the month prior or it will not take effect

- College Council - John Bermel
  - President’s Report
    - Pandemic update, winter census, spring break and spring term, IDE information, February BOT meeting.
  - Old Music Renovation
  - Admin Software Process
    - Core systems are scheduled to retire July ‘22. Looking to replace with a seamless system.
  - Next meeting is April 6th

- Campus Design Advisory - Lee Clark
  - Goodhue Bridge
  - New Music building outdoor gathering space
  - Tree lights

- Bookstore - Melanie Cashin
  - No report

- Security Services Advisory - Mikki Showers, Angel Yackel
  - Student EMT club - part of their role would be to promote and advocate use of safety app
  - Security services is working with Northfield EMS
  - Still working on rolling out safety app, hoping to start training students during spring break on how to use it
    - RAs can promote

- Presidential Search Committee - Jane Rizzo
  - Preparing for the interview stage of the search
  - Great group of candidates: diverse, qualified, excited about Carleton
  - Updates and prospectus can be found on the website

- Working Group Updates
- **SARAE’s site**, shared resources will be posted on future site, check-ins before & during Spring Break
- Interested in joining these conversations, contact Hanah

- **Discussion Topics**
  - Future meeting with President Poskanzer (spring)

- **Announcements & Open Discussions**
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Open discussion

- **Next Meeting**: Wednesday, March 24, 2021