

## 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
    - July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022, opens September 1, 2022. Future home of Poli-Sci.
  - 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