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**THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN REPORTS WERE PRESENTED
AT THE ACADFA EXECUTIVE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

Interim President - Justin Waddell

The ACADFA GM was held on Sept. 8th 2016. Attendance was good as we had been able to reach quorum after several GM's without and the discussion on agenda items was, for the most part, positive. The Negotiations Advisory Committee presented the Collective Agreement for ratification by the membership. Ballots were cast both in person during the meeting as well as in person in the ACADFA Office and via email for one week after the GM.

I attended the first Academic Planning Group meeting of the year on Sept. 12th. The Agenda was predominately a series updates from different constituents. The following two APG meetings were cancelled as there were no agenda items brought forward.

On Sept. 15th the CA was ratified by the membership and I began discussions with management towards the formation of the Academic Rank Placement, Promotion, and Appeal Committee ("ARPPAC"). We have a meeting scheduled for Oct. 5th to present a list of proposed committee members and to schedule subsequent meetings.

I had my monthly 1:1 meetings with President and the VPRAA. Both meetings were collegial and we discussed the ACAD's Sustainability Plan and the results of the ratified CA.

On Sept. 20th I attended a Joint Consultation meeting. Terry Sway also attended as a guest. The agenda consisted of mostly updates re: Service Recognition, CA Ratification results, and campus climate. We also brought forward a conversation on potentially implementing some anti-discrimination and harassment training and asked for clarification on what rubric management uses to calculate Ratio as there seems to be a bit of a discrepancy with ACADFA.

There was a conference call with ACIFA members on Sept. 21st to discuss the PSLA Document with responses to the Government.

Finally, the ACADFA Grievance Advisor and I met with the Director of HR and the VPRAA to discuss and work towards a solution to a concern that was brought forward by one of our members.

All in all, it felt like a much busier month for me than this report may indicate. Much of my work and time was invested in casual meetings with management, staff, and faculty regarding workload concerns, scheduling, and any changes that might occur with the implementation of the new CA.

Academic Council Rep - Mark Clintberg

This report summarizes important business from Academic Council meetings since April 2016. I am available to respond to any questions.

27 April 2016 (Gwenessa Lam, alternate)

Council reviewed the motion 500.18.02 Degree Requirements, which was carried, as was 300.10.XX Defining a Major Program. A motion to change the name of ENGL 222 - Comics History to ENGL 222 - Survey of Comics in English was carried with a minor amendment to change the name to ENGL 222 - Survey of Comics. A Comics Minor was also presented as a motion and unanimously carried.

18 May 2016

An animation minor was presented as an AC Motion, and was unanimously carried. A motion to approve the Graduate Studies Degree Requirements was also carried.

Communications Officer - Laurel Johannesson

The Fall 2016 issue of the ACADFA Newsletter is in the works and we are looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Tell us about your recent or upcoming exhibition.
Tantalize us with your exciting new research.
Show us images of your work (with or without an accompanying text).
Share your poetry, creative or critical writing.
Take us on a journey with your residencies or travels.

Or take on a challenge and submit an interview for our feature entitled "20 questions"...where one faculty member quizzes another faculty member about their practice or professional development activities or...the subject of their choice.

We are also interested in commentary related to ACAD or Faculty Association related issues.

If you have an idea but also have some questions...please feel free to discuss it with me.

Submission deadline – November 1st.

Submit text as a Word document.

Submit images in TIFF format, 300dpi, 4 x 6 inches (or 1800 pixels on the longest dimension).

Check out the ACADFA website to see past newsletters <http://acadfa.wix.com/acadfa1>

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or request clarification either from me laurel.johannesson@acad.ca or Patti Dawkins acadfa@telus.net
