ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. <u>Spring 2019 Center for Humanistic Inquiry Symposium</u>

We're happy to announce the second annual Center for Humanistic Inquiry Symposium for Spring 2019. Please mark your calendars now for **Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, 2019**. The Symposium is an opportunity for faculty to gather to examine a selected topic. Last year's theme was *metamorphosis;* this year's theme will be determined, as was last year's, by the faculty. The Symposium is intended as a showcase for and celebration of faculty work. All faculty are invited to present; presentations should each be 20 minutes in length.

Expect to receive an invitation soon asking you to propose possible themes. We welcome your suggestions. And then, as we did last year, we'll run a doodle poll on the top four or so themes that have emerged, asking the faculty to vote. The winning theme will be announced at the December Faculty Meeting, and a call for papers will go out shortly after. With the winning theme in mind, we'll also select a guest keynote speaker who will join us at the symposium. Please, as you did last year, send in your suggestions for outstanding keynotes.

Expect food, wine, collegiality, and rewarding conversation. This is an opportunity beyond our teaching and our service work to gather together and to speak across the disciplines about a matter that we have deemed important.

Barbara Black, English Michael Arnush, Classics

II. Faculty Meeting Reception and Pop Up Makerspace

In conjunction with the reception being sponsored by the Vice President for Finance and Administration after faculty meeting, the IdeaLab Steering Committee would like to invite you to enjoy the opportunity to make something with us! **Kids are Welcome!** Key features of the event will be:

- 1. The opportunity to make one of 4 different projects (3D pens, Kumihimo braiding, a papercut night light, or a fleece blanket (for donation to a local hospital)-all are kid friendly as well)
- 2. See a 3D printer in action as well as projects your colleagues have printed
- 3. Experience some of the cool things that students have made in courses from History to Management and Business to Education!

We are calling this a "pop up makerspace" because it transforms a physical space into a "maker space" for a temporary period of time.

We hope this will be a fun moment for us to embrace our creativity as a community. Please join us!

IdeaLab Steering Committee

Sarah Sweeney Kim Frederick Jenny Huangfu Day Cathy Hill Jessica Sullivan Sonya Chung Marta Brunner Bill Duffy Ian Berry

III. <u>New Faculty Meeting Process</u>

FEC and the DOF/VPAA appreciate your suggestions via email and the Committee of the Whole discussion on changing aspects of the faulty meeting to encourage more substantive discussion. After discussion with the President, we will be instituting some changes during the November meeting. We anticipate that these changes will positively affect our meetings; we will also pay attention to their effects and welcome your input as the academic year progresses. We are still considering other suggestions, but have not been able to sort those out yet. A change of location, for example, may not be feasible due to space constraints.

- The agenda will be reordered so that reports, including those from the DOF/VPAA and President, will be given at the end of the meeting.
- Reports from cabinet members and committees (and, if feasible, accompanying PowerPoint slides) will typically be provided at least 48 hours before the meeting on the DOF site.
- Announcements will be added to the agenda; they will not be read at meetings.
- The President will ask the DOF/VPAA to assume responsibility for chairing the meeting.

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