

SAG Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2017

In attendance:

Jamin Totino, Lisa Quimby, Lori Dawson, Lisa Christenson, Idalia Sepulveda, Ben Harwood, Rebecca Shepard, Stephanie Wyld, Jennifer Natyzak, Marjoram J. Lynn, Joel Aure

1. Follow-up on Survey results

Professional development: We received feedback giving more details on what kind of professional development people are looking for (e.g., database training, mentoring), and we're using this feedback to plan meetings for the fall. In addition, IT will be offering a variety of 30-minute workshops, including "Manipulating data in Excel", "Developing your web presence", "Creating infographics", and more. Keep your eyes out for official notices.

Staff/Faculty interactions: Jamin Totino and Crystal Moore are offering a series of sessions called "Open Hearts and Minds at the Tang", designed to bring together staff and faculty to discuss issues important to the Skidmore community. At the first session, held on March 10, Meg Hegener (Coordinator of Student Access Services) and Rachel Mann-Rosan (Teaching Professor in Psychology) facilitated a conversation about making our work and learning spaces the most welcoming for students on the Autism spectrum. The second session on April 13 will address issues of gender identity. Keep your eyes open for official announcement and more details about the April meeting.

2. Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct (SGBM)

Joel Aure, our recently hired Title IX Coordinator, gave a brief history of Skidmore's SGBM policies and relevant Federal and NY State laws. He then explained what our responsibilities as staff members at Skidmore are if a student should want to talk about her/his experiences. The answer is too complicated to describe here, so we refer you to the SGBM website (<http://www.skidmore.edu/sgbm/>), where you will find contact information and resources to help you guide students in the appropriate direction. Or contact Joel; he's ready to help.

3. Diversity and Inclusion Statement

Idalia Sepulveda read the statement about diversity and inclusion that was read and affirmed at the February faculty meeting. All staff at the SAG meeting affirmed this statement, which is available at <http://www.skidmore.edu/osdp/>

Next SAG meeting: April 19, 3:00 PM Library 222.