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**IN THIS ISSUE**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm.

OCFA Executive meetings are generally held once every two weeks. If you would like to bring forward a particular item for consideration please contact one of your OCFA Exec members (see page 2 for the list).

OCFA Council meetings are generally held once per month. If you would like to bring forward a particular item for consideration please contact one of your OCFA Council or Exec members (see page 2 for the list).

**MEETING DATES**

We hope to see you at one of our campus socials. Come out and chat with your executive and council members and reconnect with colleagues.

McCulloch Station Pub, Friday  
October 2nd, 4-7pm (contact: Joe Hobart)

Setters Pub, Monday October  
5th, 5-7pm (contact: Tim Walters)

Opus Cafe, Friday October 9th, 6-  
8pm (contact: Alan Illicic)

Alexander's Pub, Friday October 16th,  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

The [redacted] welcomes letters to the editor. I encourage you to write either in response to what you read in the newsletter or about other Faculty Association matters. Letters to the [redacted] do not represent the opinions of the editor nor the OCFA Executive or Council. Please send letters as e-mail to the editor Amy Cohen at [acohen@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:acohen@okanagan.bc.ca). The preferred format is MS-Word.

**DELIVERY OF THE UPDATE**

The [redacted] is now distributed electronically as a PDF file by e-mail as well as being available on the OCFA webpage at: [http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Campus\\_and\\_Community/employees/ocfa/update.html](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Campus_and_Community/employees/ocfa/update.html) Copies of the [redacted] are also posted in local campus mailrooms.

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The OCFA would like to thank the following outgoing Executive, Council, and CARC members for their service: Norah Bowman, Adrian Fontenla, Sasha Johnston, Melissa Munn, and Erin Radomske.

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## Tim Walters

Welcome (or welcome back), everyone. Your OCFA Council had a very busy end to the 2014-2015 academic year – including hosting an extraordinarily successful FPSE AGM in Kelowna (<http://www.fpse.ca/about/agm/documents>) – followed by a much needed summer break, but all of your new representatives are now right back down to business. Please find below an account of our various doings in the past weeks and months. We hope to have a chance to connect or reconnect with you all at the various socials which begin next week, where we hope you'll let us buy you dinner and a drink or two and introduce you to your new OCFA Council and CARC representatives. If we can be of any service to you in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cheers, Tim

- Attended the first Exec, Council, and JCAA meetings of the new academic year, at which we discussed:

At Exec and Council:

How best to handle Chief Steward duties in Rod Watkins' absence. Absent any better alternatives, we agreed that I will act as Chief Steward until the end of this semester or at least until Rod returns with the assistance of the Exec.

Made arrangements to recognize Fair Employment week (<http://www.fairemploymentweek.ca/>) on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Term faculty, watch for our booth in the Atrium of the e building in Kelowna throughout the day. Finalized planning for each of the campus socials, which are now confirmed and scheduled for:

- : McCulloch Station Pub, Friday October 2nd, 4-7 pm (contact: Joe Hobart)
- : Setters Pub, Monday October 5th, 5-7pm (contact: Tim Walters)
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At JCAA:

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- Participated in several OC Strategic Plan Task Force meetings at which we worked on revising the college's Mission, Vision and Values statements based on feedback gathered from the college community last year. We are now one meeting away from rolling out the revised proposals, which will be presented at each campus for further input in the following month.
- Met with the OCSU about a since abandoned OCFA election night initiative.
- Attended an uneventful Board of Governor's meeting.
- Received word from the labour board that the BCGEU Disability Coordinators request to

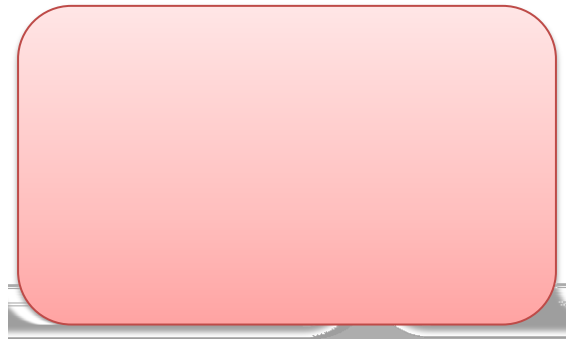
- Worked with new FPSE Communications director Leah Squance on a formal submission to the BC government's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services which I will shortly be sending to the Exec for approval and feedback before submission on behalf of the OCFA.

medical leave was approved even without submission of the forms. If you would like to hear more about this at the Fall General Meeting (Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at The Capri), please let me know.

Submitted by Deb Warren / Computer Science / Kelowna Campus / Ext 4389  
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These are available to family members of all OCFA members who are currently enrolled in programming at Okanagan College. Selection of award recipients will be based on financial need. Successful applicants will be notified within one week of the application deadline.



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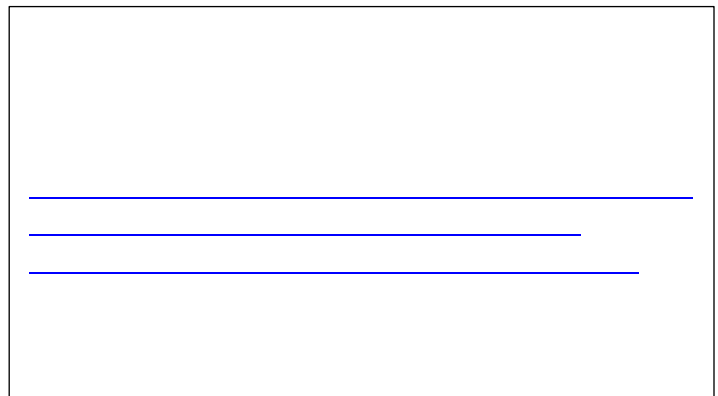
On Wednesday, Oct. 7 Katz will present his talk titled "Gender on the Agenda" which will explore the socialization of girls and boys in a culture of violence. The talk will take place at the Kelowna campus lecture theatre from 7 to 9 p.m. Advance tickets for the talk are \$15 for students, \$20 for everyone else and \$25 at the door. This event is proudly presented by the Okanagan College Faculty Association, the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kelowna, the City of Kelowna and the Rotary Club.

Labour Humour

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, Sir." the employee replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."





*What brought you to your current position of 2nd Vice President/Bargaining Chair on the OCFA Executive ?*

BG: I had heard little about the rest of Okanagan College, except by rumour, when I first started working here. I wanted to participate to better understand both internal and external relations. I was actually recruited by a member of the OCFA Executive to be the Kelowna representative. Also I teach Industrial Relations, so I thought with that background it would be useful for me to see how things actually operate. Also, it is our Association and we should all participate.

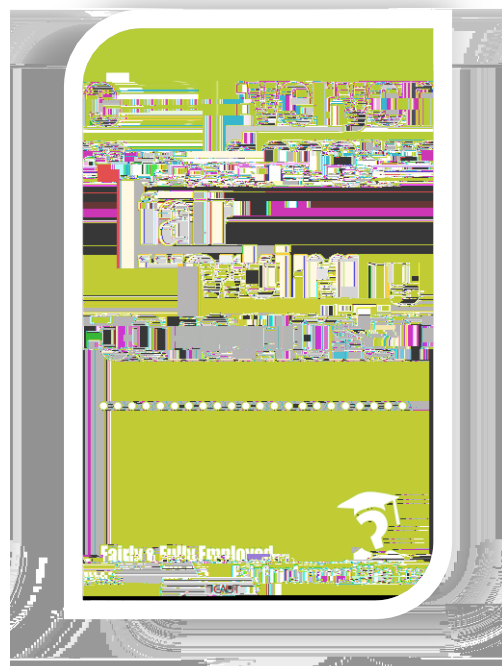


BG: The secret to life is playing a bad hand well. Told to me by my Dad.

BG: I spend my summers on marathon canoe trips down the rivers of Western Canada and the US. This past summer I was canoeing on the San Juan River in Utah and in Alberta.

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Last year, a small group was formed open to all AFP Faculty called the AFP Research Hub. This group is interested in facilitating and promoting research activities in Arts and Arts-related disciplines at Okanagan College.

Some of the initiatives of the past year include:

The creation of an Arts Research Hub section on the Arts website, which includes stories of research interests from 4 of our Faculty--Hannah Calder, Raluca Fratiloiu, Linda Elmore and Donna-Leigh Goodman. [http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas\\_of\\_Study/arts/AFP\\_Research\\_Hub.html](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas_of_Study/arts/AFP_Research_Hub.html)

The site also includes a comprehensive list of research activities and publications:  
[http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas\\_of\\_Study/arts/AFP\\_Research\\_Hub/AFP\\_Projects.html](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas_of_Study/arts/AFP_Research_Hub/AFP_Projects.html),

A Research Opportunities page that lists recent and upcoming events and funding opportunities for AFP Faculty:  
[http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas\\_of\\_Study/arts/AFP\\_Research\\_Hub/Research\\_Opportunities.html](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas_of_Study/arts/AFP_Research_Hub/Research_Opportunities.html)

I have also spent some time in the past year meeting with and discussing the 'place' and direction of research at the College with a selection of members of the leadership team, and shared the meeting notes with the group. If anyone is interested in participating in the Research Hub group, all are welcome to get in touch with me. We are particularly interested in gathering research stories from AFP faculty, assembling resources on the site, and just getting together to talk about research at the College and the direction and activities of the group. New employees with publications or projects they would like to profile please contact me and I can post these on the site.

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The Library has prepared an online resource guide



