



The Update

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SUBMISSIONS TO THE UPDATE

The Update is circulated three times per academic year in advance of the General Meetings. Submission deadlines for the next two Update issues are as follows:

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The Update welcomes letters to the editor, upcoming event notices, or other submissions. Readers are encouraged to write in response to what they read in the newsletter or about other Faculty Association matters. Letters to the editor do not represent the opinions of the editor nor the OCFA Executive or Council as an organization.

Please send submissions to the editor Amy Cohen, secretary@ocfaculty.ca or via intercampus mail, to the Vernon or Salmon Arm Campus.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to Raluca Fratiloiu and Matt Kavanagh for reviewing this issue of

COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

OCFA Executive meetings are held once every two weeks. OCFA Council meetings are generally held once per month. If you wish to bring forward a particular item for consideration, please contact one of your OCFA Council members (contact info below).

OCFA WEBSITE UPDATES

OCFA Benefits Officer Marlo Edwards has been working on updating the [OCFA website](#). Please con

Executive Reports

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The Update is a great way to stay connected with faculty issues at the college. Your union executives all submit reports here so that you can arrive prepared at our General Meetings in the fall, winter, and the end of instructional year AGM. We hope you have taken part in the socials that we have had already in Salmon Arm and Penticton if they were your
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Program Development, Renewal and Retirement Working Group (PDRWG) - The Development and Renewal components seem to be workflow guidance documents, and they are clearly aimed at programs (not new courses) and seem to follow and incorporate many of the necessary steps I and others have done in the past in this sort of work. I have been assured they are not intending to change the Education Council (EdCo), and College Board practices as defined by the Act or our Collective Agreement. So should you identify any overlaps please bring them to your Chief Steward or a member of council or the Grievance Committee. There appear to be additional duties and tasks for chairs to complete that are not in our Collective Agreement (CA) and this is a concern for us. Internal and external consultations will be determined as complete or not by the Deans

Salmon Arm and Penticton Socials These were well attended, and proportionally well attended when you consider the smaller numbers of faculty on those campuses. The ratio of engagement of our members to take time to attend our meetings always impresses other faculty associations in our sector
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regarding current benefits options and processes at OC.

I attended the FPSE Disability Management and Rehabilitation Committee (DMRS) Summit meeting in Vancouver, Oct 5-7. The meeting was a great opportunity to connect with DMRS representatives from across the province, as well as the DMRS Committee administrators all of whom will be very helpful resources for benefits-related questions and issues. I also learned a lot

put to use supporting members here.

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Greetings Fellow OCFA Members,

I hope the Fall 2024 Semester has started out well for everyone. I would like to start off by expressing gratitude to the other members of Exec and Council for their all the work they do to serve our members. I am also grateful to former secretaries Sasha Johnston and Roen Janyk for being excellent resources and for answering my many questions about the secretary position.

Since I took over the position of OCFA Secretary in June, I have engaged in the following activities:

Met with previous secretary, Sasha Johnston to transfer all files, items, and equipment and discuss the role and responsibilities of secretary.

Along with other members of exec, attended Connections and distributed OCFA information and swag to attendees.

Together with Adrian, coordinated the booking of the FGM at the Coast Capri

Communicated with administration in order to obtain a current members list (still have not gained access to this, see reports from President and Chi6Q coordinated

Association Council & Grievance Committee Members, 2024-25

Executive

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