Presidents’ College Volunteer Meeting
March 11, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Nancy Mather at 9:30 AM in the KF Room.

Present were: Marcia Cornell, Ray Amdrews, Judy Kacmarcik, Julie Lindquist, Lillian Lindy, Nancy Mather, Jennifer Noble, Rose Mary O’Connell, Kathleen Schwartz, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Humphrey Tonkin, Sally Williams, Peg Bergethon, Kathleen Muller, Catherine Banbury

Nancy Mather opened the Meeting by thanking and acknowledging the Volunteers for their participation in the focus groups and the overall results.

Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Meeting were approved as distributed.

The spring Enrollment report was distributed. Fellows total is now at 294ntere, we will meet 300 this year.

Director’s Report - Humphrey Tonkin

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the focus groups. There was open dialogue and honest discussion from each group.
- All of the 10 spring courses are in good shape. The Discrete Mathematics course has 8 participants, and we need to work on attendance for that course.
- The Hooker Lecture will be March 26 at 5 PM. In partnership with the Ancient Burying Ground Association, we are acting as agent for the Burying Ground Association. Invitations are out. There will also be a book signing and reception following the lecture, and an opportunity to sign up for a free guided tour of the Burying Ground at a future date. Volunteers were solicited for the registration desk and greeting guests and additional volunteers are welcome.
- Japan Trip: Trip with Kyoto as the base, which will be led by Sherry Buckberrough and Hirokazu Fukawa and will feature Japanese art. Dates will be in late May 2016 for about 9 days. Pricing looks reasonable. There will be a Fall 2015 course for 5 weeks on Japanese art taught by Hirokazu and Sherry.
- Coffee hours – one will be held on either April 20 or 29. Professors will be invited, so there will be some opportunity to meet them.
- The theater department will be presenting Nicholas Nickleby in the fall. This is a huge undertaking as there are 130 characters in the play. It would be good to have some course offerings related to this, perhaps a course on the novel or Dickens. Suggestions are welcome.
- Edward Gutierrez will lecture on May 6th on Doughboys on the Great War, followed by a book signing and reception.
- Use of course lists is strictly for each particular course and they should not be shared, as the lists are private. **Please destroy the lists when the course is over.**
- . When emailing participants, please send the email to yourself and blind carbon copy the participants, so that names will not be seen.

Report of the Director of Libraries - Randi Ashton-Pritting

- The library staff will be presenting class on using different databases available in the library. These include offerings like the Smithsonian music and the Art Store. The class is Friday March 20th, and is free, but registration suggested.
$10,000 has been taken from the surplus to buy books and other materials for the library.

Reports:
- McAuley – Sally Williams
  - The Tosca Lecture got a nice crowd, and the reception was very good with a Tosca theme.
- Fellows Lectures
  - February 19 lecture had 14 participants, the February 26 one had 22. The March 12 lecture has 40 people signed up.
- Duncaster – Marcia Cornell
  - There were 40-50 people at the Duncaster Lecture, including about 7 non-residents.

Closing Remarks:

THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 9:30 AM IN THE KF ROOM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenifer Noble