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Academic Affairs Weekly Update 10-3-16

Colleagues,

This week we bring you an updated staff, functions, and contact list, provide information about the Lamson open labs, and announce the development of the Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation. It's been another busy week!

Attached is the most up to date version of the staff, functions and contact list. Please use it to identify the best person to contact in support of your work. If you are unable to determine who to contact, please email or call Kristen Hersom and she will work with you to determine the most appropriate support person. You can reach Kristen at 5-3500 or kahersom@plymouth.edu.

Elaine Allard, Interim Dean of the Library, provided this update on the Open Labs in Lamson. They are being used in a variety of ways. Students are meeting in the spaces to work on individual and group projects. Faculty are bringing their classes over to tour/demo the space as a way to see the possibilities for current and future assignments. The Arts and Technology Cluster has held meetings in Lamson 031. The student Film Club also uses Lamson 031 for weekly meetings.

Elaine invites you to reach out to Daphne Morin if you'd like to bring your class over. (dmorin@plymouth.edu). Josh Perks, of the Center for Transformation, can assist you in designing open lab style assignments (jperks@plymouth.edu) and Katie Martell & Melinda Barnsley of the Academic Technologies team can assist with using various technologies (kmmartell@plymouth.edu; mjbarnsley@plymouth.edu). Starting the week of October 17th, all three will be offering workshops and times to drop by to experiment in the open labs. You can find more information on the Center for Transformation *through Teaching, Leadership, and Learning* website <http://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-transformation/>.

Finally, we are excited to announce the development of the Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation. The vision for the Center was developed by educator preparation faculty and provides for enhanced collaboration across PSU education preparation programs. The Center draws from existing campus resources currently allocated to the Office of Educator Preparation and the Council for Educator Preparation will be central to the Center efforts. The Center will serve approximately 1000 students annually and 28 programs, support approximately 130 internships annually, and oversees our Institutional CAEP accreditation and program accreditation. The Center is a wonderful example of the power of cross-campus collaboration.

Thanks to all for sharing your energy and talents with our campus community. We're better, together! Hope your week is off to a great start.

Sincerely,
Cynthia, Gail, and Robyn

The Academic Dean Team

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