Meeting 7/13/2021

**Present**: Hope Falk, Kelly Dietz, brendan Berthold, Kaylie Maines, Amber krieg, Mark Tinik, Nina Diez, Katrina Wehr, Sita Frederick.

Zoom

1. The beginning of the meeting was spent with *Sita Frederick,* new Director for Center for Performing Arts. SAC members introduced themselves and Hope introduced Sita to the group. Sita then shared that she is doing listening sessions with college, university and regional people to learn about the communities needs at the theatre. Economics (cost) has been a theme she’s heard about as well as new staff being eligible for two free tickets when they start at Penn State. She is interested in making arts more accessible to staff and asked SAC members for their thoughts on a listening session. SAC members suggested having this event during the workday when staff is on campus (many staff don’t live in town), possibly during a lunch hour. This could be hosted by SAC. Katrina suggested hosting this listening session in conjunction with a visiting artist talk/engagement event. It was agreed that we could host a listening session in mid-fall, after a month into semester. Sita stated it could be hosted in a neutral location or Eisenhower Conference Room. Hope will circulate possible dates on teams for us to review and consider.
2. Chair Elect nominations -
3. Sustainability Council rep – Hope volunteered and was unanimously approved.
4. August A&A Welcome Back Event hosted by AA SAC.
   * 1. Site – Korner Water Tower
     2. Date- Wednesday, 8/18, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
     3. Who – faculty and staff; invite via newsline and email to all staff.
     4. Plan – distribute iced tea/coffee and muffins to faculty and staff who come by; handouts could include information about SAC and CPA events
     5. Music – grad student set up; does anyone know how we can provide $100 to them?
     6. Request – graphic design; tables from Stuckeman -yes; communicate to your unit faculty
     7. Nina will ask if Jury space is available in case of rain.
5. Professional Development Discussion - $5K
   1. Brendan shared that last year he experienced that b/c current funding is $500/person, but budget is $K so only 10 people can take advantage of this if awarded full amount. making sure that all staff have opportunities to use it and make the most use of it.
   2. Nina suggested we look at a list of professional development opportunities that have been taken advantage of in the past.
   3. Can we develop a list of development opportunities for staff, conferences and more.
   4. Decided to discuss this more at August meeting, can we come up a procedure to ensure that more than 10 people can utilize and that departments are contributing
   5. Consider veto approval?
   6. Katrina asked us to look at how many people have applied, how many people have been denied b/c amount ran out – list of event name, cost. Diana will reach out to Shelly at HR probably maintains that information. Because of on-line availability.
6. General Discussion:
   1. Round Robin: what would you like the AA SAC to provide for AA Staff, etc. In the coming year?
   2. Will Stay on Zoom for August 10 meeting.
   3. September meeting in person, Korner Water Tower, Stuckeman in case of inclement weather (reserved by Nina)

Upcoming Meetings:

* 1. Aug 10, 2021 02:30 PM -
  2. Sep 14, 2021 02:30 PM – Sustainability Council (Mihyun Kang and Deb Gulick)
  3. Oct 12, 2021 02:30 PM
  4. Nov 9, 2021 02:30 PM
  5. Dec 14, 2021 02:30 PM
  6. Jan 11, 2022 02:30 PM
  7. Feb 8, 2022 02:30 PM
  8. Mar 8, 2022 02:30 PM
  9. Apr 12, 2022 02:30 PM
  10. May 10, 2022 02:30 PM
  11. Jun 14, 2022 02:30 PM