A. General Report

Dean’s 6-month Priorities
As you are aware, I have resigned effective June 30, 2016. In the meantime, I still remain an active Dean for our Faculty and in particular will focus on several initiatives. These initiatives are important to the Faculty and will help the incoming Dean have some momentum to move forward with. Along with the many day-to-day tasks of being the Dean, my 6-month priorities will be:

1. Development and launch of an orientation and training programme for Department Heads to support them in their roles;
2. Moving to the next stage in the Faculty's internationalization strategy, in line with the University's overall goal of 10% of the UG population being international; and,
3. Progressing revenue generating activities and devoting time to fundraising for student scholarships.

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Heads Training
The first Heads Orientation training was a success, with great feedback from those that attended. Based on feedback, more sessions will be planned to assist heads in the important role they play in FAS.

FAS Marketing Plan draft ready for input - reminder as seen in the Faculty newsletter
We are in the process of completing our Marketing Plan for FAS. We are hosting several short presentation / feedback sessions over the month to help us ensure we haven't missed any major components, missing opportunities or overdoing any areas. It is still in draft form as we gather feedback from our departments, staff, faculty and students. We would love your input during one of the sessions. To register please use this form: http://bit.ly/feedbacksessions

The David Edney Research Travel Award
Due Date: March 18, 2016
This annual award provides graduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science with an opportunity to study and do research in Paris, France, for up to two months in the summer in a fully-equipped apartment owned by Queen's alumnus, Professor David Edney. The opportunity comes with a stipend of up to $1,600 to support expenses related to research, travel and cultural experiences. The student will be selected on the basis of academic excellence, merit, and the quality of the proposal. The award will be available to funding-eligible Master's or Ph.D. level students enrolled in a graduate department or program in a Faculty of Arts and Science discipline.

Applicants should submit a 500-word letter of application, including project and research details, with a copy of transcripts, to the office of the Vice-Dean in the Faculty of Arts & Science. The recipient of the award will be selected by a committee chaired by the Vice-Dean, and consisting of three faculty members and a representative from Arts & Science Advancement. The successful applicant will be notified by April 4, 2016, and have access to the apartment for up to two months between May 9, 2016 and August 31, 2016.

Principal’s Dream Courses
Due date: February 16, 2016
As you may be aware, the applications require approval at the Dean's level. In order to facilitate that review, please email proposals, as a Word file, to Jacquie Jamieson (jacquie.jamieson@queensu.ca) by 4:00 pm on February 16th.

http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/grants/principals-dream-courses

Undergraduate Recruitment
First-year applications from Ontario high school students to study at Queen’s in fall 2016 are up 7.3 per cent from this time last year. This compares to a 1.5 per cent increase province-wide. Queen’s has already received more than 30,000 applications in total for more than 4,400 spaces in direct-entry, first-year programs across all faculties and schools, as of Jan. 15. The Faculty of Arts and Science is on target to meet its recruiting objectives while maintain the high quality of students we strive for.

http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-sees-rise-applications

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