

**Good morning, USC!**

**Here are your updates for the week of April 22-26, 2019**

### **General Updates**

**Front Office Hours:** The front desk will be closing at 4:30 pm for the exam period and the summer so please ensure that you have your lanyard and Western ID cards to access the main office after hours.

#### **Office Moves:**

- Nick Vassiliou is now in office: 340 A
- Robin Kirk is now in: 340 D

Our Interns will be starting on May 6th this summer. We have 5 interns that will be working with us full time this summer so they will be found in the following offices:

- Elizabeth MacDonald (HR INTERN): ROOM-318 C
- Hasan Ahmed (WEB DEVELOPMENT INTERN): ROOM- 318 D
- Akash Jain (ADVOCACY RESEARCH INTERN): ROOM-318 B
- Emilie Cho (GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN): ROOM-Beside Cheryl
- TBA: (Social MEDIA INTERN): In PROMOS

### **Departmental Updates**

#### **PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Health and Safety**

HR Orientation Sessions: The dates for the first part of next year have been booked:

April 26

May 31

June 28

These dates have also been posted on the Staff Hub calendar. All sessions will be held in Room 369 at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Andrea or Kate with your attendee numbers before each session and also if you would like to book a dedicated for your staff.

##### **Wellness:**

The hours that the USC has available to use the WEC will remain the same. Please see the Wellness and Development Calendar for more details: [Wellness Calendar](#)

WEC Schedule and use of space: All WEC open gym times are listed in the Wellness Calendar. Just a reminder for anyone who is interested in participating in the Wellness program (including intramurals), must sign the [Wellness waiver](#).

## **Summer Intramurals:**

### **The USC is looking to put together a summer lawn bowling intramural team!**

Details:

Play Dates- Tuesdays from May 28- August 20

Play Time- 6:30 -8pm

Location- Thistle Lawn Bowling Club on Beaufort St (right by the crosswalk on Western Road, just north of Oxford Street)- so super convenient!

Price Per Person -\$130.00 plus tax

Group Price- \$500 plus tax (so if we have more than 4 people it will be cheaper per person)

Registration Deadline: Please let Kate know by May 10th

Options for payment: If you are interested in playing, there are 3 options for payment:

- 1) Reduction from wellness benefit
- 2) Payroll deduction
- 3) You can write a cheque

## **Finance:**

April 2019 month end next week. Continue to submit your information. Any UWO related items please direct to our office.

## **EVENTS AND BUILDING SERVICES**

Events in the UCC this week:

Atrium & West Lounge:

Exam Tables until April 30th

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

“Amazon is listening!” - You may have heard scary headlines like this last week. Picking up from a [Bloomberg story](#), many news outlets reported that thousands of Amazon employees regularly listen in on conversations recorded by the Alexa powered Echo speakers. While true, the facts are seemingly less Orwellian. According to Amazon, the information is made confidential and tightly controlled, and used only to improve the device’s transcription of any command it hears. Apple and Google also have staff engaged in similar tasks. I encourage you to read the linked article, and decide for yourself if the potential privacy implications outweigh the benefits to you of these devices.

## **ENGAGEMENT**

Following up from our last Town Hall, if you have suggestions for the Opt-In campaign, please visit <http://usc-staff.org/opt-in-ideas/> on The Hub and fill out the embedded form before end of day on Friday, April 26th.

The Engagement Working Group will be meeting on Thursday, May 2nd to review submissions and suggest more ways to reach more students with our message. If you are able to and would like to attend the meeting in person, stop by UCC 369 at 3:00pm.

**Purple Store:**

All of our Liberty Clothing is 50% off this week! This Canadian company has made us some amazing Hoodies, soft Reversible Crews, Funky Retro 70's T-shirts, and lady's shorts. A fantastic deal for some very high quality items!