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The growing concern about H1N1 and the need for prevention among staff, faculty and students has led the College to take measures based on the most recent recommendations for educational institutions produced by the Ministry of Education and the Department of Public Health.

Hand sanitizers have been installed throughout the College and posters, such as the one pictured above, have been placed above the dispensers to make our population aware of the benefits of frequent hand washing.

The Health Ministry recommends home rest if you have fever of 38 degree Celsius (100.4 Fahrenheit) or above, especially if the fever has come on suddenly and is accompanied by cough, sore throat, headache, significant fatigue and muscle aches. ☺



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## NEWS FROM SENATE AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Discover e-Newsletter will now cover regular meetings of the Board of Governors and Senate in an effort to enhance communication within the College community.

### SENATE

The first meeting of Senate for this academic year took place on September 10 with Chair Leslie Barker presiding over the proceedings.

Among the items discussed at the meeting were recommendations concerning WAC / WID (Writing Across the Curriculum / Writing in the Disciplines). A long and arduous project led by Ian MacKenzie and the Student Writing Committee has resulted in a published report and series of recommendations that Dawson may draw from in the development of a WAC / WID program.

In its report, the Committee states: "Such a program would support teachers who want to introduce innovations in classroom practices where writing is concerned. It would eventually aid programs that wish to develop broader curricular changes that aim at improving the literacy and communication skills of their graduates."

A motion was passed to act upon the first of the recommendations "that the Academic Dean considers developing WID faculty resources and activities including a Faculty Writing Fellows pilot project over the Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 semesters."

The Committee also proposed that the four additional recommendations be voted on and put into action in four successive years.

Elections were held for Agenda Committee in addition to the Academic Dean and Chair of Senate, and the Dean of Social Science and Business Technologies. Chris Adam, Gail Edwards, Jocelyn Guindon and Greta Nemiroff were selected from among the members of Senate. Lois Valliant and Robin Simmons were elected to sit on the Academic Planning Committee.

The next meeting of Senate is October 8. ☺

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The first meeting of the Board took place on September 21, with Chair Linda August presiding. The Board welcomed the newest members of the Board, parent representatives Joy Bennett and Louissette LaRochelle.

Members heard from Alice Havel of the Student AccessAbilities Centre, Shirley Jorgensen of Institutional Research, and Catherine Fichten of Adaptech and Psychology on the ground-breaking research they have conducted on students with special needs.

Among the most significant of their findings is that students with special needs graduate at the same rate and with same grades as students who do not, and are employed at the same rate, though not necessarily in their field of study.

Fichten also talked about how Universal Instructional Design incorporates elements of design that help those with some sort of disability, but that also benefit those without. For example, curbside dips were designed for wheelchairs, but they also help parents with strollers and people rolling luggage.

The Annual Management Plan was adopted after consultation with a number of groups within the College. This document sets 18 priorities and assigns responsibility to the different sectors to guide Dawson in the management of the College. The Plan has been widely approved. Chief among the amendments to the original document was an elaboration of Priority #9 to help the College deal with curriculum reform in secondary schools.

The document is available on the website through the home page Dawson News items, and on the DG Blog.

Budget and long-term financing motions were also passed, including revisions to the 2009-2010 Provisional Budget, in view of additional information from the Ministry concerning parameters of funding that were not known at the June meeting.

The next meeting of the Board is October 26. ☺