

Sofia University Community Voice

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Library Update

A warm welcome is in order for Sharon Hamrick, who was recently re-hired as part time library staff!

The Library is piloting shortening our hours when we don't have classes on campus. This is something new for us and we welcome feedback from the community. If all goes well with this pilot, we will revise our hours each quarter so that we can provide sustainable and responsive services and access. We will be very careful to still be open to support classes each quarter.

Students or faculty who need library help can email us at refdesk@sofia.edu 7 days a week to get help with urgent issues and we will respond as soon as possible.

Please note we have a building closure this Saturday for electrical repairs. The library will be open Sunday from 12pm-6pm.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS FOR June 8-30:

Sunday 12pm-6pm
Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

Regards,
Katrina Rahn

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Commencement 2014

It's that special time of the year again!

Master of Arts Commencement

Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00 am

Sofia University, Auditorium

Doctoral and Interim Master of Arts
Commencement

Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 2:30 am

Sofia University, Auditorium



We are proud to announce this year's commencement speaker will be Sofia University Professor Judy Grahn!

Judy is internationally known as a poet, woman-centered cultural theorist, early gay activist, co-founder of lesbian-feminism, and early contributor to literature of women's spirituality. She will speak at both the Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree ceremonies.

If you would like to volunteer to work at this year's commencement ceremony please email:

Shannon.fries@sofia.edu.

President's Office Hours

Every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm!

New Faculty, Alumni and Student Publications Web Listing

If you would like to submit your recent publication for listing on our website please email to accomplishments@sofia.edu

NEW! Alumni Speaker Series

Current students prepare to be inspired! Beginning in July, we will launch *Alumni Speaker Series*, giving students the opportunity to hear directly from our distinguished alumni who are applying a transpersonal education in the wider world. As alumni speakers share their experiences about their work and the path that led them there, it will serve as a valuable role in educating the next generation of Sofia students.

Where do I go for help?

Below is a list of departments for your reference:

IT: helpdesk@sofia.edu

Registration: registrar@sofia.edu

Accounting: accounting@sofia.edu

Financial Aid: financialaid@sofia.edu

Student services: student_services@sofia.edu

Library: refdesk@sofia.edu

Have you checked out our Blog?

Sofia University Research and Learning blog
Sponsored by TERS

<http://sofiauniversityblog.wordpress.com/>

Take the Transpersonal Challenge!

PRIZES

1st Place Winner: \$800.00

2nd Place Winner: \$300.00

3rd Place Winner: \$100.00

Imagine traveling to a new city. You try to explain the meaning of transpersonal but no one understands. How would you define transpersonal? How would you teach everyone what it means to be transpersonal? What living examples of transpersonal would you use?

Please describe your solution in 1000 words or less. Entries must be accompanied by a visual aid. Visuals include but are not limited to: poster, graphic, photograph, video, sculpture, etc.

Criteria:

- Must be a currently enrolled Sofia University student or alumni to enter
- Deadline for Submissions- Monday, September 1, 2014 11:55pm
- Open to all U.S. and international students and alumni

For more information please visit:

www.sofia.edu/contest

or email contest@sofia.edu.

Questions and Answers

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or watched the community meeting yesterday. Below is a list of questions that were answered during the meeting yesterday. If you have a question please send to communications@sofia.edu.

Q: Who will have decision making powers and for what? Which investors specifically decide what?

A: The investors have empowered Liz Li to make all necessary decisions on their behalf.

Q: Why is finalizing the deal being postponed? Did any investors drop out?

A: We agreed to postpone the deal in order to align our fiscal year, with the federal financial aid calendar (the year starts on July 1). By doing this, we will avoid conducting an additional audit, which is both expensive and time consuming. No investors have dropped out.

Q: What is the 2 year plan and the 5 year plan for the transpersonal curriculum as it pertains to what Sofia will become?

A: As of now we are making no changes to the transpersonal curriculum. All of our advanced degree and certificate programs will remain the same.

Q: Why are we in the red right now with all the money that was brought in?

A: We're still spending more than we are earning. As it stands now we have 5 million cash.

Q: What is the plan to keep programs afloat?

A: The plan is to bring in 2 new programs, engineering and management. These new

programs are expected to increase enrollment. We need to generate more revenue in order to support all of the other programs and create more resources for our students.

Q: How many students are currently enrolled?

A: 400.

Q: Who are the investors and what is their objective?

A: Maggie Chai- Maggie has been extremely successful within the Public Relations industry. She started the number 1 PR company in China. We have known each other for 30 years and she is a firm believer in education. Robert Hu – He is a staff engineer at Apple and has many patents. He sold apple shares to support this University. Also our CFO, Victor Dong who has been right by my side from the beginning.