Job Description

Job Title: Support Services Coordinator
Department: English Language and Literature
Reports To: Administrative Manager
Jobs Reporting: None
Salary Grade: USG 5
Effective Date: November 2019

Primary Purpose
The Support Services Coordinator provides a range of administrative support functions to the department, its staff, students and academic officials.

Key Accountabilities

Provides a range of administrative services to enhance the operation and efficiency of the department, its staff, students and academic officials including the following duties:

- Manages beginning of term procedures (e.g., assigning key permits, drop boxes, and lockers, setting up mailboxes, compiling office hour schedule, updating bulletin boards, beginning/end of term memos, graduate email list, etc.);
- Orders and monitors the department’s administrative and teaching supplies within available budget using a P-card;
- Assists the Administrative Manager in the management of department space; ensures equitable and timely space assignments; assists in maintaining usage reports;
- Serves as liaison between the department and UW Bookstore/textbook sales representatives, sign out and ordering of TA desk copies each term;
- Management of department equipment including sign-out procedures and ensuring equipment is in optimal working condition;
- Arranges meetings, including room bookings, catering, AV support, and others as required;
- Prepares agendas and types meeting minutes for Team and Department meetings;
- Compiles and maintains department and undergraduate/graduate course files, exams, records and confidential correspondence;
- Assists in the planning and execution of department, graduate, and undergraduate academic and social events.

Provides a variety of services in support of the undergraduate and graduate student experience, including the following duties:

- Contributes to the smooth administrative functioning of the undergraduate and graduate programs; identifies problems and recommends improvements to the Chair, Administrative Manager, UG/Grad Associate Chair, and UG/Grad Coordinator and Advisor as appropriate;
- Assists the Administrative Manager and UG Coordinator and Advisor with new hire orientation for sessional instructors;
- Manages work term reports collection and marking, posting of UG and Grad course syllabi, preparation of course posters, preparation and distribution of the Arts Course Evaluations;
- Informs students regarding course availability, wait lists, prerequisites, etc;
• Assists the UG Coordinator and Advisor by monitoring the Schedule of Classes, including reserve caps, course enrolments, classroom size vs enrolment total, course time conflicts; assists with course waitlists;
• Department Examination Representative; manages all logistics for mid-term and final exam scheduling working with the UG Coordinator and Advisor, Scheduling and the Registrar’s Office; liaises with exam representatives in other faculties across campus and evaluates their needs to ensure conflict free exam schedules;
• Manages and creates term proctoring schedule, assigns proctoring duties, and processes payment to proctors using the casual pay system;
• Department deferred exam representative; manages requests each term; advises students and faculty regarding deferred exam issues, process discrepancies, eligibility and repercussions; manages deferred exam logistics; communicates student INC status with the Arts Undergraduate Office and Registrar’s Office as necessary;
• Prepares and distributes Directed Self Placement forms in Fall and Winter terms and compiles data;
• Supports department committees in the management of internal and external scholarship competitions and graduate admissions;
• Prepares graduate student funding package letters;
• Manages all graduate milestones.
• Regularly performs MA student programs and streams and follows up on needed changes;
• Arranges and invigilates Second Language Proficiency testing for the department’s graduate students;
• Manages data collection for annual graduate student progress reports;
• Processes Doctoral thesis completion awards;
• Assists with expediting, approvals, and distribution of program and administrative forms;
• Coordination of PhD defences, including such things as logistics, travel arrangements, etc.;
• Assists Graduate Coordinator and Advisor with processing of intent to graduate forms;

**Supports and enhances department communications through the following duties, among others:**
• Primary Website Content Manager; edits and updates the department website and reviews accessibility requirements for all postings; analyzes content on the department website and makes recommendations for changes and improvements;
• Manages department communications using social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and blogs;
• Manages these events: Department’s Award Ceremony, Grade 11 Achievement Test Day; departmental annual orientation program;
• Provides support to departmental committees as required at the request of the committee chairs, Chair, and Administrative Manager;

**Provides regular support to the department’s administrative management as required including:**
• Manages the logistics, financial tracking, and communication for annual seminar series and workshop events in collaboration with the Administrative Manager;
• Prepares sessional and TA contracts each term; prepares graduate TA and RA payroll each term;
• Hires co-op students in the online payroll system;

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**Required Qualifications**

**Education**
- College Diploma in Office Administration or related discipline. Equivalent combination of education and/or experience will be considered.

**Experience**
- Demonstrated administrative experience is required, experience in an academic work environment is preferred.
- Demonstrated experience taking minutes at meetings is an asset

**Knowledge/Skills/Abilities**
- Organizational, analytical, interpersonal, customer service and strong communication skills (oral and written) required
- Aptitude for attention to detail and accuracy are required
- Proven capacity to handle high volume of requests and multi-task
- Intermediate skills in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Familiarization with Quest, LEARN, SharePoint, WCMS, OnBase, DCU, Concur and Unit4, Workday an asset

**Nature and Scope**
- **Contacts:** Works collaboratively with students, faculty, staff and external contacts to obtain, clarify and discuss information and to give and receive instructions. Strong communication skills (written and oral) are required including clarity, diplomacy, and tact. Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- **Level of Responsibility:** This position has specialized work and defined duties and responsibilities and receives direct supervision. Self-initiated, detail-oriented and sound judgement skills required.
- **Decision-Making Authority:** The position requires planning and pro-active problem solving. Provides decision support related to student deferred exam requests, subject to department and Academic Integrity policies and procedures. Complex and non-routine issues involve consultation with the Administrative Manager and/or the Chair.
- **Physical and Sensory Demands:** Typical of an administrative position in an office environment; peak times can include multiple priorities and frequent interruptions.
- **Working Environment:** No travel, regular working hours with occasional weekend or evening opportunities. Risks (physical and psychological): minimal physical or psychological risk resulting from a diverse environment with deadlines, multiple priorities and frequent interruptions. Exposure to disagreeable conditions typical of a position involved in student advising, particularly when conveying unwelcome or negative information is necessary.