
[All Faculty/Staff] Message to our campus community

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Dear Campus Community:

In the aftermath of the national election, I want to remind us all of our deep commitment to inclusion and opportunity for all students, faculty and staff. Some of us may feel that the climate has turned negative and may wonder about our place in our campus community. I ask that you reach out to all members of our campus community and recommit ourselves to providing an inclusive safe campus for all. Western will remain committed to providing opportunity for all of our students, faculty and staff to feel safe and supported. This fall we celebrated our most diverse freshman class, and Western remains committed to providing educational access and to closing the educational attainment gap that plagues our state and nation. Our counseling center is available for students and more detail is listed below in a message from Director Jaime Silva.

At the state level, Measure 97 failed and the following statement was issued by the Oregon Public Universities Council of Presidents:

“We understand that yesterday’s vote means some very tough choices lie ahead for the Legislature and the Governor. In the face of these challenges, we believe that by working together we can still keep our public universities affordable for all Oregon students. Now is the time to continue the progress we have made over the last biennium. As our elected leaders weigh difficult budget decisions, we urge them to invest a minimum of \$100 million for Oregon’s university students to continue to clamp down on student costs and debt. This investment will allow all campuses to keep tuition increases to a manageable level for the next two years and ensure that students can graduate without taking on a lifetime of debt. Oregon’s public universities are the incubators of ideas and solutions, and we are educating the workforce and leaders of tomorrow. We stand ready to work with legislators and the Governor to address the challenges that lie ahead.”

As we enter the upcoming legislative session, we will work with the other public institutions of higher education to garner the resources needed to remain affordable for families and students. Now, more than ever, access to affordable higher education is of paramount importance.

Sincerely,

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Message from Student Health & Counseling Center Director

Dear campus community,

In light of last night's election results, we acknowledge that this may be a time of needed support and assistance for some and a time of celebration for others. Western Oregon University is an affirming and inclusive environment where we work towards unity and becoming global citizens.

As a reminder, the Counseling Center is open, and we offer counseling appointments for students needing to speak with a counselor. You can call us to make an appointment at (503) 838-8396 or (503) 838-8313. If you feel you need to speak to a counselor immediately, you can request a crisis appointment. The Counseling Center hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday - Thursday and 9 am to 5 pm on Fridays.

In addition, please seek out friends and community for self-care. There are also other resources on campus such as Multicultural Student Services and Programs, Abby's House, the Student Success Team in Academic Advising, and Residence Hall staff. These are among many resources on campus that are great places to find support and community - as are those clubs and organizations you are all a part of here at WOU.

If you are faculty or staff, please remember you have resources available to you such as the Employee Assistance Program and other community resources. Thank you all.