

STAFF SENATE NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

In the hope of fostering a greater awareness and camaraderie among faculty and staff on campus, we have taken on the challenge of highlighting the departments within one or more buildings (depending on the size) per issue of our newsletter.



About Staff Senate

Staff Senate complements Faculty Senate and Student Senate as a component of Western Oregon University's system of shared governance. It is comprised of elected members from both classified and unclassified staff at the university. Senate business meetings are open to university staff. Guests are encouraged to attend.

Mission

Staff Senate seeks to influence positive and progressive change in the Western Oregon University community by:

- Promoting positive dialogue among staff, faculty, administrators, and students.
- Advising and making recommendations to the university president on matters outside the scope of collective bargaining.
- Making resolutions on behalf of constituencies and outside the scope of collective bargaining.
- Considering ideas or projects of importance to the university.

Your Staff Senate

Student support services

Chris Soario

Crystal Granger Ross

Myron Hoeckle

Administrative support services

Dona Vasas

Heather Mercer

William "Barry" McBeth

Susan Griffin

Academic support services

Xinjie Luo

Jennifer Keen

Sharon Price

Sue DeNoyer



Featured: Academic Programs Support Center

In This Issue

We are featuring the departments within the Academic Programs Support Center (APSC)

For more information about Staff Senate meetings, activities, projects and senators, visit the Staff Senate webpage at:

www.wou.edu/staffsenate



Meet our people:

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Meet the *Office of International Student Academic Support*

(located in the APSC, room #501)

What we do:

- Assisting international students on an individual basis
- Consulting with faculty who work with international students
- Staffing and Directing the English Tutoring Center
- Coordinating instruction for international student courses: Writing 115, Writing 135, and Linguistics 136
- Administration of the Conversation Partners program
- Providing course-specific support for selected classes with significant international student enrollment
- Updating the ISAS website with resources for students and faculty
- Assessing the success and well-being of international students, their academic support, and their social integration

Did you know?

ISAS is a fairly new department. It has only been at WOU for 2 years.

We would like to let everyone know that if they meet any international students who need help or don't know where to go, they are always welcome to visit our department. Dr. Troyer and I would love to help them solve problems or guide them to a correct department.

Visit our department website for more information: <http://www.wou.edu/internationalsupport>.

What we do:

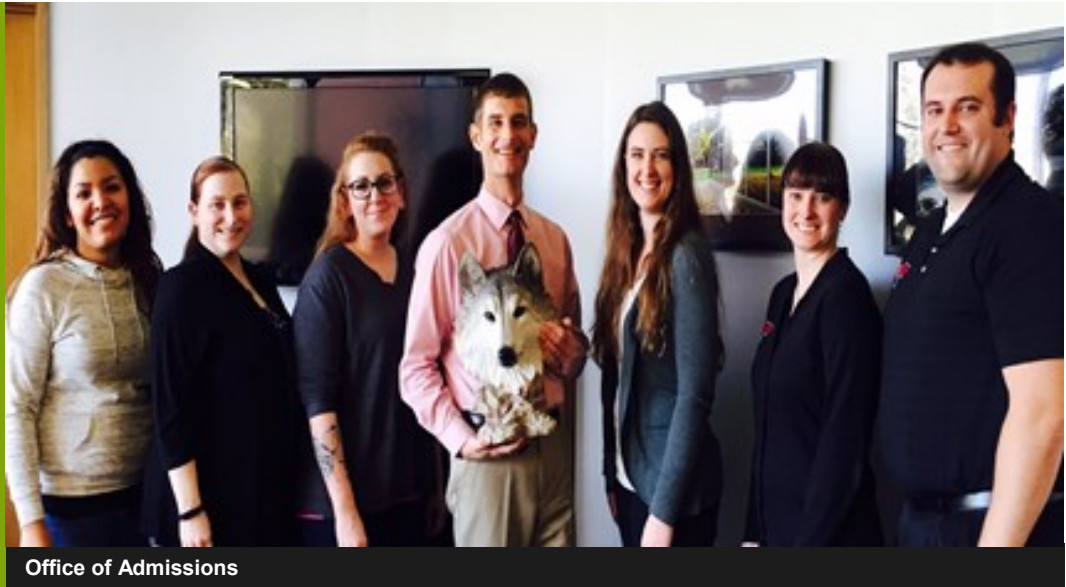
students who wish to attend classes at WOU must apply for and receive formal admission. WOU's admission process reflects the institution's strong commitment to providing an excellent student-centered education.

Did you know?

8 WOU/WOSC graduates are employed in the office of Admissions.

For More Information:

Visit our department website for more information: <http://www.wou.edu/admissions>



Office of Admissions

Meet the *Office of Undergraduate Admissions*

(located in the APSC, room #408)

Meet our people:

- Rob Findtner, Director
- David Compton, Assistant Director of Recruitment
- Lori Palmer, Assistant Director of Processing
- Chris Jones, Admis. Counselor/ Ambassador Coord.
- Kristin Mahoney, Admis. Counselor/ Soc. Media
- Luanne Carrillo, Admis. Counselor/ Multicultural Recruit.
- Micah Howe, Admis. Counselor/ Telecounseling Supervisor
- Jackie Digmann, Admis. Evaluator
- Jody Jones, Admis. Evaluator
- Melissa Hinzman, Admis. Evaluator
- Horalia Rangel, Receptionist
- June McMillan, Recruitment/ Budget Coord.
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What we do:

The academic Advising and Learning Center engages students in identifying and pursuing their career and life goals through personalized learning experiences. The AALC serves and supports students in developing collaborative relationships that foster student success.

Did you know?

The AALC was created by president emeritus, John Minahan, to advise students on academic issues, help them identify classes they need to take to complete their degree and to help them track where they are in their degree process as they move toward graduation.

For More Information:

Visit our department website for more information: <http://www.wou.edu/advising>

Meet the *Academic Advising and Learning Center*

(located in the APSC, room #401)

Meet our people:

- Karen Sullivan-Vance, Director
- Osvaldo Avila, Bilingual Academic Advisor/Tutor Coordinator
- Alexander Kunkle, Academic Advisor/Tutor Coordinator
- Kimberly Compton, Academic Advisor
- Jesse Poole, Student Success Specialist
- Jinglin Guo, International Learning Specialist
- Tina Palmer, Administrative Program Specialist
- Office phone 503-838-8428 / Email advising@wou.edu



Meet the *Student Enrichment Program (TRIO-SSS)*

(located in the APSC, room #201)

Meet our people:

- Marshall Guthrie, Director
- Chris Solario, Assistant Director
- Elizabeth Johnson-Doughman, Coordinator of Instruction
- Alicia Monrroy, Educational Advisor
- Emmanuel Macias, Educational Advisor
- Sheree Solario, Educational Advisor
- Letitia Erckenbrack, Educational Advisor
- Adriana Carrilo, Office Coordinator
- Kathryn Deeds, Intern
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What We Do:

The Student Enrichment Program provides services and a supportive environment to equip first generation, low income and students with disabilities with skills to be successful in college. The purpose of this federally funded TRIO Student Support Service is to increase the retention and graduation rates of this student population.

Did you know?

TRIO has been at WOU for almost 30 years.

For More Information:

Visit our department website for more information:
<http://www.wou.edu/sep>

Meet our people:

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Meet the *Upward Bound Program* (TRIO)

(located in the APSC, room #501)

What we do:

Upward Bound (TRIO) is a pre-college program for high school students from low-income families and/or students whose parents did not graduate from college. Services include tutoring, advising, academic and cultural enrichment activities, college visits, and a six-week residential summer school program held on the WOU campus. Upward Bound serves students at three area high schools: Central (Monmouth/Independence), Dallas, and McKay (Salem). The program is funded by a US Department of Education TRIO Grant.

Did you know?

Upward Bound was launched nationally in 1965 during President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty", through The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. It was the first of the federal "TRIO" programs - educational outreach programs created to support disadvantaged students. The Upward Bound Program at WOU was established in 1999.

Our Mission:

Inspire our students to

- Dream
- Believe
- Achieve

For More Information:

Visit our department website:

<http://www.wou.edu/upwardbound>

What we do:

We provide reasonable accommodations to ensure that students with disabilities have access to Western Oregon University (WOU) and its programs; through intentional interventions, programs, and services in order that WOU will meet federal requirements, encourage personal growth, and increase effective communication for our students.

Did you know?

ODS staff, self-proclaimed "Team Awesome", employs 8 full time staff and 4 student staff who all have various skill levels in the ability to communicate in American Sign Language. Serving just over 400 students, roughly 7% of the WOU student population, with a variety of disabilities, the majority having invisible disabilities. Most common accommodations include note takers, alternative materials format, alternative test arrangement and American Sign Language Interpreting. ODS has a strong commitment to serving underrepresented populations with enthusiasm and passion.

For More Information:

Visit our department website for more information: <http://www.wou.edu/disabilityservices>



Meet the *Office of Disability Services*

(located in the APSC, room #405)

Meet our people:

- Melissa Larson, Director
- Stacey Rainey, D&HH Services Coord.
- Rian Gayle, Accommodations Coord.
- Louann Casares, Administrative Program Assistant
- Peter Flora, Staff Interpreter
- Myk Rose, Staff Interpreter
- Sarah Hill, Staff Interpreter
- Audrey Loudenback, Staff Interpreter

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Honors Program

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More Information:

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website: <http://wou.edu/honors>

Meet the *Honors Program*

(located in the APSC, room #210)

What we do:

Develop a learning community dedicated to scholarly inquiry, achievement, and growth.

Sustain an interdisciplinary curriculum that encourages faculty and students in their intellectual pursuits.

Foster a supportive, non-competitive culture that promotes inclusion, self-awareness, and social commitment.

Did you know?

Honors students are integral to numerous offices and groups on campus, ranging from RA's, Peer Mentors, PLUS team members, tutors, and athletic teams. We easily smack down the stereotype of Honors students as distant or elite. Some fun facts:

1. The Honors Program is at record enrollment and represents 3.25% of WOU's enrollment -- the same percentage as UO and OSU Honors Programs.
2. Honors graduates now work full-time in the WOU Bookstore, the Registrar's Office, the Honors Office, and the President's Office. Two Honors graduates also work full time as NTT instructors in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Education.
3. Over 25% of honors students study abroad.
4. Last year Honors students generated one-third of the money raised for charity during the campus Walk for Life.



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Meet the *Associate Provost* *Office*

(located in the APSC, room #412 / 413)

What We Do:

The Associate Provost is mainly responsible for student admissions, student recruitment, student retention, enrollment management, Course Catalog, and marketing.

Did you know?

The Associate Provost oversees the following student services:

Admissions

Academic Advising

Registrar's Office

Financial Aid

Writing Center

International Student Academic Support program

More Information:

Visit our department website:

<http://www.wou.edu/associateprovost>



Meet the *Writing Center*

(located in the APSC, room #301)

What we do:

As an academic support service supporting the educational mission of WOU, the Writing Center advances writerly self-efficacy.

Did you know?

The Writing Center started in 1998 and was housed in a small space that was the size of a closet in HSS. After it moved to APSC, it shared a space on the fourth floor with AALC before being moved to its current location on the third floor. We really try to make our space unique and have painted our walls to match our personable approach to writing and tutoring. We also decorate the Writing Center based on the season to make our space more inviting. Our department is very small and is made up of three staff members and 15 tutors, who are truly the heart of our operations. Katherine Schmidt, the director, has worked at WOU for 12 years, and the other two staff members, Xinjie Luo and Rosario Peralta, are both WOU grads.

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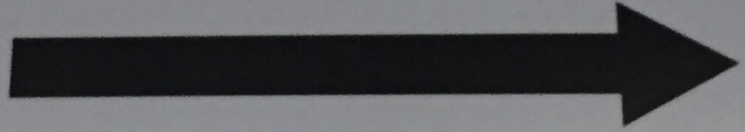
Visit our department website:
<http://www.wou.edu/writingctr>

What we do:

The food pantry provides the WOU campus and community members with resources to combat local food insecurities.



Food Pantry



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Did you know?

The WOU Food Pantry started in 2011 as one of Dr. Natalie DeWitt's class projects. About that same time, WOU classified staff conducted a survey and discovered significant food insecurity among staff. The two independent efforts joined forces and brought ASWOU on board. The Pantry is now run by ASWOU, staffed by volunteers and funded entirely by donations.

There have been several important changes recently. The "Friends of the Food Pantry" updated their bylaws and sought new members. Now, a robust committee of 10 food activists from campus and the surrounding community offers guidance and acts as stewards of the WOU Food Pantry Foundation Fund. Their first official act was working with ASWOU to create and fund the Director of the Food Pantry.

The first Director of the Food Pantry, Christie Colasurdo, has made significant strides forward since the fall. Hours are consistent and reliable and the number of volunteers at the Pantry is increasing. If you haven't seen the WOU Food Pantry in the last couple of months, you should check out what a great job they are doing.

Meet the *Food Pantry* (AKA *Hungry Like the Wolf*)

(located in the APSC, room #211)

Meet our people:

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Check us out on Facebook