



# The News from *Your* Staff Senate

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*Staff Senate seeks to promote dialogue and works to complement all faculty, staff, and student senates and councils in an effort to influence positive and progressive change to the Western Oregon University community.*

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## **Upcoming Public Events:**

**Staff Senate Public Meeting** - Thursday, November 3rd, 2011, 3:30pm in Hamersly Library 107

On the agenda: **Finance Committee Meeting, “Code of Student Responsibility” revisions**



[Click here to add the Public Meeting to your Google Calendar](#)

**WOU Presentation** - Friday, November 18th, 12:00pm in Pacific Room - Werner University Center

This month’s presenter and topic: **President Weiss, Eric Yahnke, and Tom Neal, “Finance Committee Public Meeting”**



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## **The President’s Corner:**

This past month, we were fortunate to have Luis Rosa present the work of the WOU Diversity Action Committee. It is critical to our mission at WOU that we embrace difference and encourage divergent voices, and the WOU Diversity Action Committee has been working to support that cause. If you were unable to attend, the resources from that presentation can be downloaded here as .pdf files:

Draft Diversity Statement: <http://goo.gl/Y0WBN>

Presentation Slides: <http://goo.gl/KTff2>

If you have feedback on the drafted Diversity Statement, please direct it to Malissa Larson at [larsonm@wou.edu](mailto:larsonm@wou.edu)

In related news, Luis will soon be taking on a new role at Willamette University. We are certain that he has left a strong foundation on which the Diversity Action Committee will continue to grow. If you would like to wish him well on this next chapter in his career, there will be a reception hosted on

[Friday, November 4th, from 3-4:30pm in the Werner Center Willamette Room.](#)

Finally, please take a moment to “Get to Know Your Staff” in the feature below. Each month, we will give you the opportunity to meet a few staff members, or, if you’re featured, tell the campus a little more about yourself and your role here at WOU. If you would like to share a bit about yourself or someone else here at WOU, please go to the following link and give us their information. We’ll take care of the rest.

Don’t be shy, here is the link to nomination form: <http://goo.gl/zILQm>

Thank you everyone, and we’ll see you around campus.




Marshall Guthrie  
2011-12 Staff Senate President

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### **Get to Know Your Staff:**


This space is dedicated to highlighting various staff members in our many roles around campus. If you or someone you know should be featured, please submit your/their information here: <http://goo.gl/zILQm>

	<p><b>Stephanie Anderson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Area Coordinator - Ackerman, University Housing</li><li>• 1st year at WOU (July 2011)</li></ul>
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Stephanie is a WOU alumna having received her Masters in Teaching (Language Arts) prior to joining our staff full-time. She brings with her varied experiences and, with her accompanying French Major, has even taught English in France. Stephanie can be found leading “Attackerman” charges throughout campus (an award-winning thanks and recognition program organized by her Hall Government). She also enjoys supervising her RA staff, working with students as they take advantage of leadership opportunities, and facilitating the occasional roommate mediation.


In her free-time, Stephanie enjoys reading, and while she tackles several titles simultaneously, one of her latest is *Wicked*. She plans on accompanying our students when they attend the off-Broadway production in Portland this spring. Stephanie can also be found crafting one-of-a-kind creations from

hand-sewn bags to robot-themed coaster sets. If you're lucky, you might score your own "Stephanie Original" via Etsy.

	<p><b>Andrea Carano</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undergraduate Programs Advisor, Dept. of Teacher Education</li><li>• 1st year at WOU (Sept 2011)</li></ul>
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Andrea is one of our newest additions to the WOU community, joining us from the state of Florida. Andrea is the person to see for any Pre-ED major looking to move into the next 2 phases of their degree program as she provides advising and application help. With her Master's in Elementary Education, Andrea instructs new generations in ED 342: Applied Children's Learning and Development. She also spends a bit of time at local community colleges advising students on transfer classes and encouraging them to take a look at WOU for their teaching licensure.

Andrea and her husband have a rich life outside of WOU. They spent 2 years in Suriname, South America working on water projects and teaching English at a local school. These days, they are looking forward to enjoying all the outdoor activities that Oregon has to offer, including picking fruit off the trees/vines in their own backyard.

	<p><b>Andrea Nelson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Advisor, Academic Advising and Learning Center</li><li>• 2+ years at WOU (May 2009)</li></ul>
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The thing that Andrea enjoys most about her job is working with students to help them be successful. She achieves this through individual advising, and by teaching one of the First Year Experience classes. If students have questions about what classes to take, how to improve their study/learning skills, or how to meet their career goals, Andrea is here to help.

Andrea has her Master's and PhD in Slavic/Russian Languages which comes in quite handy given that Russian is spoken by many Oregonians, including students here at WOU. A life-long learner, Andrea is currently completing a Master's Program in Academic Advising.

Away from Western, Andrea enjoys spending time with her family and 3 cats in Corvallis. She enjoys reading, knitting, and biking. Andrea has also recently re-discovered ballet, an activity that she studied quite seriously in the past, and is looking forward to dusting off her slippers.



**Gail Wolf**

- Office Manager, Financial Aid Office
- 24 years at WOU in Financial Aid

Born a Texan, Gail moved around a bit as a child before landing in Oregon. Once at Western, she served in a variety of departments including Payroll, the Budget Office, and the Registrar's Office before beginning her extended tenure in the Financial Aid office. There, she keeps all processes running smoothly for everyone around her (her colleague's words, not mine) by checking incoming applications for completeness and accuracy, among other things. One of the most valuable tasks she undertakes is to troubleshoot current processes to weed out inefficiencies; this is essential as WOU continues to grow and we award more financial aid than ever before.

When it comes to vacations, Gail is a self-proclaimed cruise boat fanatic. Despite her initial doubts about the weather, her favorite destination, by far, has been Alaska. Gail also enjoys spending time with her family, including her two grandchildren.

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You can find the minutes from last month's meeting at: <http://www.wou.edu/president/staffsenate/minutes.php>

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