

Staff Senate Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- We meet the first and third Thursday's of the month in Hamersly Library at 3:00pm
- November 18th special guest speaker David McDonald will discuss this year's enrollment figures

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News from our president Lisa Catto

Staff Senate serves an important function at Western Oregon University. We exist to address the needs of both classified and unclassified staff at Western Oregon University. We are here to listen to your concerns, help you solve problems, try to turn your suggestions into action, and educate staff about happenings on campus. We are all so busy and it's easy to stay focused on our own areas without learning what's happening throughout the rest of campus. Being involved with Staff Senate will help with that. We meet

twice a month: the first is our business meeting where we discuss events and have guest speakers (e.g. open enrollment) and the second meeting is a presentation where we either learn more about a staff member and what that person does outside of WOU, or learn about major events or issues on campus (e.g. health and wellness center construction update). All of our meetings are open to campus and you are encouraged to attend.

There are many exciting events lined up for Staff Senate this year, including an enroll-

ment update by Associate Provost David McDonald on Nov. 18, a new staff welcome reception, and a fun event for the Governor's Food Drive. Keep an eye on wou.edu/staffsenate for dates, times and additional events.

Cheers,
Lisa Catto



Staff Senate President

Health & Wellness Center

The Health and Wellness Center is moving right along. We have hired a director and he is working.....Rip Horsesy is his name. We are in the process of selecting equipment for the facility and finalizing

finishes. The facility is slated to open in March and maybe earlier if we are lucky. Feel free to contact me with questions.

Gary Dukes
Vice President for Student Affairs

Reminder:

Holiday Tree Lighting Weekend runs from December 3—5. Questions: contact Stephen Cucchiara 503-838-8514



Volunteer Opportunities

Student Activities Board needs help at the Holiday Tree Lighting.

If you can help contact

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- James Goulding**
ASWOU
- Angie Barry**
WUC 210
- Marshall Guthrie**
APSC 201
- Sarah McConnel**
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Meet some new staff

<p>Adam Holden: I am an Admission Counselor at WOU. One of the many things I do is visit dozens of high schools where I talk to students about life at WOU. In many cases, I am teaching them that we exist, where we exist, and that they should come visit our campus.</p> <p>In June I finished a MA in Educational Leadership & Policy with a focus on Student Services in Higher Education at Portland State University. I had been at WOU as a student athlete at Willamette University and knew that WOU would be a beautiful and laid back place to work. When I started reading about WOU's inclusive admissions recruitment policy and practice I knew that WOU could be a good fit for me.</p> <p>I studied abroad in Seville, Spain as an undergraduate student and, after my undergraduate graduation, I traveled to 15 countries on 6 continents during a 7 month gap year trip. During this gap year</p>	<p>trip I decided to pursue a career working in higher education.</p> <p>Adam</p> <p>Melissa Carlin I am the Annual Giving Director.</p> <p>As a student, I was the Annual Fall Call Center Coordinator, and right about the same time as my graduation in June 2010, the position opened up, and I have been here ever since!</p> <p>I am a total sucker for NPR and John Steinbeck.</p> <p>Melissa</p> <p>Brian Haley I am the Career & Professional Programs Manager in the Division of Extended Programs. At WOU I coordinate non-credit classes, create professional development programs for the community and actively try to establish new partnerships with local community members.</p> <p>For the past five years, I worked with Marion-Polk Food Share coordinating the food bank's food procurement strategies. At the Food Share I had the opportunity to learn more about WOU through the State Employees Food Drive and various conversations with people on campus. The environment on campus always seemed</p>	<p>friendly an supportive which was very inspiring. When my position at WOU opened I jumped a the chance to join the campus community. Looking back at the past few months, I must say everyone has been just as friendly and collegial as I expected.</p> <p>An interesting fact about me is I am a very passionate artisanal bread baker. I love the feeling of freshly kneaded dough and get excited by transforming raw, inert ingredients into flavorful loaves of bread. This passion for bread is so strong it led me to build a clay oven in our backyard which can hold temperatures of 800-900 degrees F for several hours last year, we cooked one of the most flavorful Thanksgiving turkeys I've ever tasted in the clay oven.</p> <p>Brian</p> <p>Adrienne Hare I am the Alumni Relations Director.</p> <p>My husband (Athletic Director, Daniel Hare) is what brought me here.</p> <p>I am such a scaredy cat that I've never been to a haunted house!</p>
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New staff continued

<p>Gabriele Mitchem I go by Gabe and I am a Medical Assistant at the Student Health Center. I was excited to accept this position because of the benefits, relaxed atmosphere and having the summer off. As a fun fact, I am a student also working towards my Nursing Practitioner degree. I don't know if it's a fun fact but it's a fact. Gabe</p> <p>Deborah Rezell I'm in charge of Digital Production Services (formerly Video Production Services) located in ITC 004/005. We now offer professional, digital production in full high definition. We have Sony HD cameras, Final Cut Pro HD editing and complete Studio Production with an HD switcher featuring virtual sets. My job is to produce videos for the WOU web site, digital signage and You Tube along with recording lectures, campus athletics and other events. I came to WOU from Chambers Productions in Eugene, where I worked as a writer/producer/director. During my time at Chambers, I produced</p>	<p>several commercials for Western so I was already familiar with campus. I have more than 20 years experience as a producer/director of commercials, infomercials and home market videotapes in markets from Tennessee to California to Oregon. Deborah Daniel Hare I am an Athletic Director. I came to WOU for the professional opportunity, the people, and the high quality of life! I lived in New York City for a summer during law school and shared a 600 square foot apartment with three strangers...and lived to tell about it! Daniel Cindy Cooper After working 9 years for Coca-Cola in Wilsonville, commuting 45 minutes one way and when the right job opportunity presented itself, I decided to make a change. I wish I had something extra ordinary to share about myself, but I am pretty basic. Basic not boring though!! Cindy Matthew Bowman Athletics NPE</p>	<p>Harold Barbee Trades Maintenance Worker Physical Plant Marlena Brumley Custodian Physical Plant Michael Collins Athletics NPE Stephen Cucchiara Student Leadership & Activities WUC Randy Hampton Carpenter Physical Plant Adela Hillerich E & G Physical Plant Custodial Supervisor Rip Horsey Health & Wellness Center ACK Barbara Huggins Admissions Nichole Jaskoski Campus Dining Cashier VAL Eric Litchfield Physical Plant Tommy Love Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations COT 205 Janet Matthews Student Health & Counseling</p>	<p>Stephanie Metz Athletics NPE 208 Norma Sanchez Bravo Admissions Counselor ~ Multicultural Recruitment Coordinator APSC 408 Marie Stone Assistant Softball Coach NPE 215 Vanira Tapia-Gonzalez Custodian Physical Plant John Wilkins Landers Hall Area Coordinator LA</p> <div data-bbox="1183 1045 1502 1255" style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>The Purpose of the Staff Senate</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote positive dialogue among staff, faculty, administrators, and students. • Advise and recommend to the University President on matters outside the scope of collective bargaining. • Make resolutions on behalf of constituencies and outside the scope of collective bargaining. • Consider ideas or projects of importance to the University.
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Getting to Know WOU: Meet the Payroll Office

Payroll is tasked with ensuring pay checks for all the faculty, staff, and student workers on campus. Eric Yahnke, Director of Budget and Payroll since April, came to Western after twelve years of experience at Oregon State. In his free time he has climbed three of the Northwest's highest peaks. This included a harrowing unplanned night on Mt. Hood when the weather turned foul during the descent. After waiting out the night in a makeshift snow shelter, Yahnke jokes that he may want to scale back on his future climbing plans.

This July Dustin Cotton, a 2003 Western graduate, returned to campus as Payroll Manager. "We're working on ways to become more efficient in our office and to provide better service. We care that employees are paid correctly and on time. If an employee ever has doubts concerning their pay, we want them to feel welcome to ask questions."

Cotton and his wife welcomed a son in August and are looking forward to Zeke's graduation from Western in 2032.

Sandy Quiring has served many roles at Western and currently processes payroll for classified and temporary employees. In her free time she enjoys going on "Volkswalks", having done several walking routes throughout the northwest.

Beth Yliniemi handles most of the student payroll tasks as well as helping with many other duties in the office. She encourages direct deposits as an easier, more streamlined, way to receive your pay. At home Yliniemi has three pugs.

Processing the pay for unclassified staff, faculty, and graduate assistants is Kristin Olsen. She admits that each payday can be an overwhelming experience, but teamwork within the office helps to get the job done. At home she enjoys listening to classic rock and watching science fiction.

Traffic Safety Education

Did you know that WOU trains the majority of Driver Education teachers in Oregon? In conjunction with Oregon Dept of Transportation, Division of Extended Programs runs the Traffic Safety Education program in locations throughout the state. All ODOT-approved Driver Education teachers must complete this training, which is only offered by WOU. If your child has taken Driver Education within the past 10 years, there's a good chance their teacher was trained by WOU!

Traffic Law Tip: Now that school has started again, we must get back in the habit of driving 20 MPH in School Zones, as required. But what exactly does "When Children Are Present" mean? If a kid is riding his bike on the sidewalk, do you have to slow down? **The Oregon Vehicle Code Book defines "children are present" as a time when children are within a crosswalk, or waiting on the curb at a crosswalk. The phrase applies any day of the week and at any time of the day.** So while it may be a good idea to slow down when there are children walking or riding on the sidewalk, the law doesn't require it unless they are crossing the street.

Angela Hendrickson

