June 8 E-Update

Staff Updates: The following staff members are leaving Weber State University for other opportunities: Andrea (Curtis) Boatman moved to Denver to pursue a new opportunity with her husband; Brande Bernat moved to the University of Alabama at Huntsville; Kyle Reinhardt is moving to the Northeast at the end of June; Chris Chapman will begin a position at Utah State University @ July1; Janae Jensen is moving to Japan to teach English as a second language; Jean Harding is retiring after 14 years in the Counseling and Psychological Services Center; and Pat Wheeler is retiring after 30 years at WSU. We wish them all the best as they take their next steps.

A warm welcome the following new staff: Andrea Hernandez, Diversity and Inclusive Programs Coordinator; Juan Carlos Santisteban, Clinical Mental Health Counselor; Maureen Fedor, CPSC Administrative Specialist (starting June 15); and two new Housing and Residence Life Area Coordinators, Shane Rivera and Unique Harston. Clair Sportsman transitioned to a full-time College Access Advisor in State GEAR UP, and Patty Gomez has moved from the Union Administration office to Scheduling Events and Conferences.

As of June 1, Davis Learning Center and Davis Student Services have been combined to become Davis Learning Support and Student Services. Leslie Loeffel will provide leadership for this new area as the Davis Learning Support and Student Services Director.

A big thank you to the SIL team who worked so hard to plan this year’s Utah Leadership Academy, which WSU hosted in May. The conference was incredibly successful with 291 students attending from 12 institutions and reflected the greatness of Weber State University.

Congratulations to Upward Bound for the renewal of its grant funding!

Dining changes coming in the Fall! With a new Sodexo contract, some exciting changes are underway with the addition of Einstein Bros. Bagels, Tres Habaneros, Union Sushi, Stone Pizza Co. and Garden Artist, all in the Shepherd Union. A planned hydroponic garden will provide lettuces, herbs and other ingredients for the Garden Artist salad bar. The Quickzone C-store will be relocated from its current location to the Lair in order to expand the Simply To Go and snack options. And the Wildcat Room offerings will be adjusted in both presentation and style. Finally, next spring a Global Starbucks will open in Tracy Hall! Please pardon the construction mess in the Union when it begins this July.

The 28th Annual Utah Juneteenth Freedom & Heritage Festival will begin Friday, June 16 at 6 pm with a Town Hall Meeting and ending with a film and discussion on Wednesday, June 21. Juneteenth is the oldest celebration marking the end of slavery in the U.S. It brings communities together for unity and healing while celebrating the rich
heritage and culture of Africans and African Americans. For more information go to the Juneteenth Festival website.

Division Committees for 2017-18 have been formed and notifications sent. If you are new to the division or didn't receive an appointment to a committee, please follow up with Jessica Oyler about your interest in serving.

Diversity Update: June commemorates the emancipation of slavery, or Juneteenth, which was first observed in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This year, Utah will recognize Juneteenth in its second annual commemoration as a state holiday, but will celebrate its 28th annual festival by honoring the past of African American lives, celebrating the rich art and culture, and embracing the future that is to come. Join the celebration June 17-18 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and the Ogden City Amphitheater to participate in events as well as learning more about this historic holiday.

Tech Trivia: Be aware of phishing emails. WSU will never contact you and ask for your password. If you receive unsolicited communications asking for this type of information, either as a response to an email or a link to a website with a form to fill out, be aware and don't provide the information. If you are unsure of anything you receive, contact any Student Affairs Technology staff for help. Learn more about detecting and recognizing a phishing email.

As always, please send Alicia or me any Division E-Update ideas for the future. Thank you!