May 5 E-Update

Staff Updates: We are bidding farewell to the following staff who are leaving during May: Shaney McCoy is heading to Steamboat Springs; Wesley Walsman will look for a position in SLC closer to home; and Julie Thompson, is staying home with her family. We wish them all the best!

Congratulations to this year’s Division of Student Affairs Award recipients: Jamie Brass, Woodie Wood-Slaughter, Tarl Langham, Leticia Mata Rodriguez, Assessment and Research, Outdoor Programs, Student Engagement Task Force, Leslie Park, Student Involvement and Leadership, and Jan Winniford. Thanks to Dani for the great webpage and photos highlighting our 2016-17 award recipients!

Two other division staff deserve congratulations for awards as well: Betty Sawyer received the Crystal Crest Friend of Student Award, and Tara Peris received the Utah Campus Compact Award for Civically Engaged Staff Member.

The Women’s Center and the Safe@Weber program was recently named the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault program partner of the year! Congratulations!!

Amy Huntington and Marzzieh Larsen were elected to the Staff Advisory Committee to represent Student Affairs and Information Technology staff during the 2017-2020 term starting July 1. Visit www.weber.edu/sac for more information about SAC and how the group serves WSU staff.

You Are Welcome Here is a campaign at more than 100 colleges and universities to welcome and support underrepresented students in general and international students specifically on our campuses. Many parts of the division have participated in this video, and we would like to see it reach the hands of many people both in Ogden and in our international community. Please share this video to aid in welcoming everyone to Weber State University.

The 1st Student Affairs Annual Wildcat Exchange was truly a success. We had 91 Student Affairs staff attend the different breakout sessions. And the afternoon conversation on student success with keynote Kevin Kruger was attended by approximately 200 staff and faculty from across campus. Thanks to the SA Conference Planning Committee and other key staff who made the afternoon workshop such a success.

The Center for Multicultural Excellence celebrated the Top 10 Graduating Seniors and the Forrest Crawford Distinguished Stewardship Award recipient on April 21 at the 8th Annual Ceremony of Excellence. Top 10 seniors achieved a 3.2 GPA or higher, graduated this academic year, and have demonstrated excellence in leadership, community service, teamwork, diversity and inclusion. Excellence in Engagement Awards were given to students who serve diverse constituencies through Area Councils
or as Senators for ethnic-based groups and who have demonstrated commitment and dedication through the Peer Mentor Program. Two Peer Mentors received certification through the College Reading and Learning Association.

It’s PREP time! Each spring, our division staff participate in the university Performance Review and Evaluation Planning process. Now that the semester is winding down, please schedule staff PREPs and complete the process by the end of June.

Former Women's Center Director and famed local artist, Carol Merrill-Flitton, has graciously donated one of her beautiful paintings to the Shepherd Union. Many of you may know that Carol's signature paintings are her vibrant flowers, and the Union is now the proud owner of a lovely pink flower on dark background. Keep an eye out for it when it is placed in the facility this summer!

Diversity Update: The Diversity Committee would like to thank all Student Affairs departments and programs for their efforts in ensuring diversity goals had sustainable impact, enhanced services, and staff involvement in their creation and implementation. The committee looks forward to working with your departments to provide support, feedback and potentially an award! If you would like to get an early start on creating your goal, the committee has resources and examples available for you to use. Please use this for future reference and to see who your representatives will be for the following year.

Tech Trivia: Printer not working? Internet not connecting? Need new software this year and training on how to use it? Think you may have a virus? Need to move a computer or even purchase a new one? Contact STA Tech Support for all of the above plus any of your tech support needs! Someone will answer the phone! Call: 801-626-8628

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