Student Affairs Division E-Update

Staff Updates: We’d like to welcome Kenneth Johnson as the African American Advisor in the Center for Multicultural Excellence. Jason Sample comes to us from Western New Mexico State and New Mexico State University as the new Director of Catering for Weber Dining. Alexa Price has left her position as an International Admissions Advisor in the International Student & Scholar Center. Molly Gonzales has left her position as an Administrative Specialist in Student Involvement & Leadership at WSU Davis. Mike Moon resigned from his position as the Assistant Director of the Center for Community Engaged Learning and is now the Associate Director of USERVE.

The interim dean of the Goddard School of Business & Economics is Matthew Mouritsen. The interim dean for the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences has not yet been announced.

The 2019 Utah Legislative Session went well for Weber State University. We were approved for the Noorda Engineering and Applied Science Building, with construction slated to begin summer 2020 where the Tech Ed building currently sits. There was new legislation passed for how higher education buildings will be funded in the future. 2.5% was approved for salary increases. We will be working as an institution to determine the final split between cost of living and merit increases. WSU is recommending that tuition increase by 2% for the coming year as many of the funds allocated by USHE require a partial match by WSU. Approximately $1.37 million was provided to institutions regarding a few key initiatives including: student growth and capacity, strategic workforce investments, and performance-based funding. Performance funding is based upon the level to which we provide graduates in key areas, the percentage of underserved students graduating, overall completions, and degrees granted per 100 FTE. Degrees are inclusive of certificates, associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Visit this link to see the Legislative Review Presentation.

Two programs within Academic Support Centers & Programs (ASCP) have achieved Continuing Advanced Accreditation through the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE). Both the ASCP Tutoring Program and Supplemental Instruction (SI) were approved for this prestigious honor. WSU’s SI program was the first in the nation to be awarded NADE Accreditation. In conferring Continuing Accreditation, the reviewers highly complimented WSU’s programs and asked permission to use the reports as models for future applicants.
Amelia Williams from Career Services and Charlie Chandler, Director of Veteran Services, will be serving as co-chairs for the State of Utah NASPA conference hosted by Weber State University. Charlie Chandler will also be co-chairing the National Association of Veteran Program Administrators (NAVPA) in Oklahoma City in October.

The 2019 Weber State University Internship Conference was held on Friday, March 15. This conference is an effort to bring individuals together from across the University to share best practices related to traditional internships, student teaching, field studies, clinical rotations, practicums, and other experiential practices. There were keynote speakers, roundtable discussions on various topics, and six breakout sessions for attendees to choose from.

The Center for Community Engaged Learning – Research Extension in conjunction with Ogden City, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and Davis & Weber Counties, is conducting a comprehensive study examining the impact of the partial federal government shutdown on our community. Survey data will be used by the city, county, and non-profits to better prepare for and respond to any potential future shutdowns to help mitigate long-term damage to our families, economy, and community. A final report with recommendations for action will be released in spring 2020.

Tickets to the Bill Nye lecture, part of the Engaged Learning Series "Matter of Fact?" sold out in less than two hours so was moved from the Austad Auditorium to the Dee Events Center. We hope to have about 5,200 people attend the event on Wednesday, April 3.

Positioning Statement Survey - Who we are individually, and collectively as an organization, is important. To better describe and define our student affairs work, it would be great to quickly summarize the core of who we are, what we do, and what we care about. Can you please complete the following survey and provide your feedback? Responses will be used to formulate a "quick, pithy way to describe ourselves!" Feel free to consult our mission, core values, and learning outcomes when formulating your thoughts. To complete the survey go to the following link.

We are excited for the launch of the Masters of Education - Higher Education Leadership degree program fall 2019! Attached is a graduation map for the program for more information.

The Ogden City Council is proclaiming April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Women’s Center is receiving the proclamation at the beginning of the City Council meeting on March 26 at 6 pm.

The Outdoor Recreation Center facility project continues to move forward with architectural design development wrapping up. The Shepherd Union Testing Center remodel and Annex 2 renovation are underway with an anticipated completion in early May.

The second annual Student Hourly and Work-Study Job Fair will be held March 27 from 10 am – 2 pm in the Shepherd Union, in conjunction with the Summer Student Job Fair. This will be an excellent opportunity for your department/program to showcase any open student hourly,
work-study, or intern positions you have in your department. These positions could be currently open or opening over the summer 2019 or the fall 2019 semesters. If you are interested in reserving a table with your department, please fill out a brief RSVP using this Google Form.

**Diversity Trivia:** There are over 6,000 languages spoken in the world today, many of which are spoken by fewer than a few hundred people. The top 10 or 12 languages, however, make up the vast majority of all of the speakers in the world.

**Tech Trivia:** Did you know Box Drive is replacing Box Sync?? Confused on what those programs even are or you aren't currently using Box to save your files?? Let's get you on there! If you would like training on how Box might help you and your office, contact Student Affairs Technology to schedule a time.