Student Affairs Division E-Update

Friday, November 20, 2020

Student Affairs HR Updates

Welcome to those who have recently joined Student Affairs!

- Joseph Atkin (Veterans Enrollment Supervisor, Veterans Upward Bound)

Goodbye and good luck to those leaving Weber State!

- James Bockas (Veterans Services)
- Nikki Kuculyn (Statewide GEAR UP)
- Prasanna Reddy (Learning Support - Tutoring/SI)

Congratulations!

- Charlie Chandler was recently elected to the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) Board of Directors as a Region VII Delegate.
- Teri Bladen was elected to serve as chair-elect for the Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN) Board of Directors and will become chair in July 2021.

Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Update

The Staff Advisory Council encourages everyone to watch their monthly open meetings. If you are having concerns or want to give feedback, contact Paige Davies, Alex Ward, or Shelly Park.

At the next SAC meeting on Tuesday, December 1 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm, the focus will be on remote work guidelines.

SA Holiday Celebration

The Student Affairs annual holiday celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 16 from 12 - 1 p.m. Calendar invites for this event have been sent to all SA Division staff. Because we want this year's virtual celebration to be interactive, SAMC has gift bags that will be distributed the second week of December to all Directors for their invited staff. Staff should receive these bags before the holiday celebration so that all can participate. We also hope to see everyone wearing their favorite holiday sweater at the celebration!

Recordings of Recent SA Presentations

For any of you that may have missed the recent SA presentation given by Dr. Leah Murray on Political Identities Matter: How to Talk About Political Issues, a recording is available (passcode: 3Hz^#1q$). There is also a recording available (passcode: 07L+*exG) for the recent
Student Affairs Staff Development meeting on Portrait of Poverty given by Jesse Checkman and Becky Tierney. These recordings will be available for the next two months.

**Leadership Series Book Clubs Update**

The SA Leadership Series book clubs are in full swing! Brett and his group have finished reading *On Becoming a Leader* by Warren Bennis. Enrique and his group are halfway through their discussion of *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho, and Jeff's group has two more meetings to discuss Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman. There are three book clubs that will begin the spring semester. The first is Carl's discussion on *The Tao of Pooh* by Benjamin Hoff. Then Daniel will review *Predictably Irrational* by Dan Ariely, and Kelly will close off the Leadership Series with *Dare to Lead* by Brene Brown. If there is anyone that has not signed up for a book club that would like to, please contact Jennifer Brustad.

**Success in Contacting Prior Students!**

As you may remember, Student Affairs launched a pilot program this summer to contact students who had been away from the University for more than two semesters but less than three years to see if we could help them re-enroll. We are happy to say that thanks to the efforts of Tashina Barber, Monica Rodriguez, Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo, Lulu Faumui-Latu-Peters, Ken Johnson, Karla Hughes, and Jenni Unguren, six students who would not have otherwise registered for the fall semester enrolled in classes. We are still waiting to see if any of the students contacted might register for the spring semester as well. While six students may not seem like a lot, it represents a 9% success rate, higher than that of ReUp, the company the University has contracted with to contact other students who have stopped out.

We tell you all of this to ask for your help. We are hoping to expand this calling campaign into the spring semester.

In the coming weeks, we will hold training sessions for anyone interested in helping with this initiative and then will ask you to contact students in December. Once trained, you would receive a small list of around 20 students to call when you have time available in your day. The team reported spending around two hours total contacting their students in the weeks leading up to the fall semester. If you are interested in being trained to do this important work, please email Kelly SImerick.

**SA Marketing Announcements**

If you have any events that your area/department is planning around finals week, please make sure that Dani McKean and Rochelle Creager know. SA Marketing would like to have all of these events listed on the Student Wellness site.

If you would like to advertise in The Signpost, contact Dani. There is an average of 700 printed copies picked up every week. It is $100 for a 1/2 page ad. The Signpost also averages 26,000 views per week.
If there is anything official regarding COVID-19 that you would like to put on your area/department's social media account, that information needs to come from the big WSU accounts. We want to make sure that these posts are using the official WSU language. If the post pertains to your particular area/department, you can use your own language. If you have any questions, please contact Dani.

If you are planning virtual events, SA Marketing has created a page with resources to help. All videos need to be captioned. Disability Services has some CARES funding that may be used to fund captioning if you have large or instructional videos you are creating. Contact Angie McLean for more information.

SA Marketing has created Thanksgiving Zoom backgrounds on their website!

**NASPA Memberships**

Because we are an institutional member of NASPA, any full-time professional staff members within the SA Division qualify for the highly-subsidized individual professional affiliate membership rate of $75. Current individual membership is required for staff members to access free and discounted registration for NASPA events and discounted pricing on publications.