Student Affairs Division E-Update

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Welcome to those who have recently joined Student Affairs!

- Angela Parkinson (Housing)
- Dan Rocha (Shepherd Union)
- Jaed Norberg (SA Technology)

The following employees have moved to different positions within Student Affairs

- Andrea Salcedo (Peer Mentor Advisor)
- Cristian Gutierrez (College Access & Retention Advisor, DACA/Undoc Students)
- Marisol Velasco (Transition Advisor, Special Populations)

Kudos to these colleagues who have recently earned degrees!

- Enrique Romo
- Jayson Stokes
- Jeannette Smith
- Kylie Harris
- Marissa Smith
- Rebecca Tierney

UWHEN Elections

Teri Bladen was recently elected as State President for the Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN). Congratulations, Teri!

EISJ Dialogues

NASPA and the EISJ (Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice) Division are hosting EISJ Dialogues throughout the summer. These free, facilitated dialogues will serve as spaces to share support, raise questions, and discuss individual and institutional action. Registration for the dialogues will be limited to the first 300 people. There will be a waiting list offered if the session is full. Some examples of the sessions being offered are Care and Healing for Black Student Affairs Professionals, Confronting Whiteness in Student Affairs Work, and Supporting Student Activism and Organizing during a Pandemic. The first dialogue takes place June 25, so register soon!

SA Town Hall

Save the date! There will be a Student Affairs Town Hall on Wednesday, July 8 from 2 - 3 pm. Calendar invites will be sent out shortly with more details to come.
**Leadership Series**

The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce a new Leadership Series. For the 2020-2021 academic year, book groups will be formed around a variety of leadership topics. The groups will be limited to 30 individuals. Books will be purchased for each person participating in an assigned group. Please indicate the top three book groups of interest in the Google form. The first group will begin in July, so sign up soon! Let Kelly Simerick know if you have any questions.

**COACH Certification**

This summer, the COACH Certification is being offered virtually! Registration for each course is through Training Tracker. Courses begin in July.

**Committees/Task Forces**

Looking to be involved and serve on a Student Affairs committee/task force for the 2020-2021 year? Please complete the survey to let us know which of the committees/task forces you would be interested in joining. There are three new committees/task forces this year. They are the Student and Institutional Success Committee, the P-20 Committee, and the Virtual Optimization Task Force. The purpose and initiatives of each committee/task force can be found in the survey.

**Saturday Hours**

Weber State will be open on Saturday, August 22 from 10 am - 2 pm. Whether in-person or virtually, it is an opportunity for offices to be available to serve our students. Please check out the Saturday Hours website to see what services will be available. If a department/area plans on being open and that is not indicated on the website, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact Dani McKean.

**Wildcat Welcome**

Wildcat Welcome is still on for fall semester! As a reminder, Wildcat Welcome is the collection of campus events that takes place the first six weeks after school has started. We want to welcome students, in-person and virtually, and have them start the semester on the right foot. As departments/areas are planning their fall programming, don't forget to check the Student Affairs master calendar to see if other events are planned on the same day. Also be sure to invite studentaffairs@weber.edu to the event in order to add it to the SA calendar and the Wildcat Welcome website.

**Student Affairs Grants**

There are now three Student Affairs grant possibilities - Student Success, Underrepresented Student Success, and Online Student Services. All three grants have a $10,000 limit and are for one-time funding. The Student Success grants have a July 1 deadline. The Online Student
Services grant does not have a deadline and can be submitted at any time. Contact Alex Ward for assistance or for further information.

Facility Construction Updates

Many of you haven't seen campus since leaving in mid-March, but construction crews have continued to make progress on several projects. If you drive through campus, you can see the amazing Outdoor Adventure and Welcome Center that will be open Spring 2021. Construction will begin this week on the SSC southwest corner project that will be completed near the start of the fall semester. An office was added in the Miller Administration Building for the new Director of Student Conduct position. If you walk into the south entrance of the Shepherd Union Building, look to your right and you'll see a new shade structure for the Nontrad/Child Care outdoor playground. In addition to these Student Affairs construction projects, other construction is also going on at Weber State--new buildings at both Ogden and Davis campuses, new paving of the Ogden campus ring road, a new entrance to the Davis campus, and we are getting closer to the Bus Rapid Transit construction that will begin this next year, connecting downtown Ogden to WSU and McKay-Dee Hospital.

Academic Affairs Fall Update

In early May, the Provost’s office initiated planning to revise the Fall schedule under an assumed yellow risk status and following all the safety guidelines from the WSU COVID-19 Task Force. In the first phase of planning, all departments prioritized classes with content that had to be delivered on campus. Typically, these were courses with significant experiential components. The planning process is ensuring safe classrooms, with Facilities Management developing regular clearing protocols and making available hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and plastic shields for faculty protection when lecturing. New cameras and microphones are being installed in most classrooms to allow faculty to simulcast to an on-campus and virtual audience or to use the improved technology exclusively for virtual classes. This fall, in the yellow recovery phase, the University is offering a full class schedule that includes online, virtual, and hybrid versions of courses.

Student Affairs Fall Orientation

The Student Affairs New Employee Fall Orientation will take place on Friday, October 2 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Stadium Sky Suites. For now, this is being planned as an in-person event. Employees that were invited to the postponed Spring orientation will be invited to attend the Fall orientation. Calendar invites with more information will be sent soon.