January 18, 2019

Welcome to AA’s first newsletter for spring semester, 2019. What follows are a few updates on ongoing initiatives and projects.

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NUAMES

Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director of the Utah State Charter School Board, recently published Utah School Report Cards and once again NUAMES is the top in the State of Utah. In fact, in looking at the percentage of points possible in the report card, NUAMES had the highest percentage of all schools in the state. We are delighted to be partners with NUAMES on both the Davis and Ogden campuses of WSU; as partners, we have the chance to recruit many of these very well-prepared students to continue their education with us at Weber.

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UPDATE ON DEANS

By the time you read this, AA will have brought two Social & Behavioral Science Dean candidates to campus, as well as two (of three) Education Dean candidates. Search committees in both colleges read applications and did Skype interviews in fall, narrowing their pools to the on-campus interviewees. The Provost’s Office sends many thanks to committee chairs, members, and everyone participating in this process (especially to Malissa Jones, who has been charged with scheduling lots of meetings for lots of people). We hope to have more news to share sometime soon.

Deans Yas Simonian and David Ferro will be up for review this spring. Dean Simonian will post her report to the college on the Provost’s web-site by January 18; the survey most likely will be sent to faculty, staff, administrators and others involved with the Health Professions College immediately after the MLK holiday. Dean Ferro’s review will not begin until we have completed Dean Simonian’s (mid to late February).

Dean Jeff Steagall recently informed the Goddard School of Business and Economics that he will return to a faculty role as of July 1, 2019. AA has asked all contract faculty (tenure-line and instructors) to submit nominations of individuals who might serve as an Interim Dean to start on July 1, 2019. At that time, the college will draft a position announcement and engage in a national search for a new dean.

Cliff Nowell, Dean of International Programs, will leave that position on June 30, 2019. Very soon Academic Affairs and Student Affairs will submit a job announcement to HR, calling for applicants interested in serving as the Dean of International Programs (Senior International Officer).

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ ACTIONS

WSU’s Board of Trustees met at the Community Education Center on Thursday, January 10. At the meeting they approved the following:

--Appointment of Shaun Hansen as Business Administration and Management Department Chair
--Proposed reorganization of department in EAST and the name change of Construction & Building Sciences Department

--New Certificates of Proficiency in Web Essentials (EAST) and Forensic Science Fundamentals (SBS); discontinuation of the Criminal Justice Concentration in Forensic Science

--A Renaming of the Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction to a new emphases in C&I; and the addition of three new emphases in the MED: Educational Leadership, Family Life Educator, and Higher Education Leadership.

--Proposed new degree bringing together Outdoor Recreation Education with Entrepreneurship to form an Outdoor Recreation Entrepreneurship degree.

--Thirty-three sabbatical requests (20 for fall 2019; 13 for spring 2020). One request was returned to the proposal writer with a request for more detailed information.

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Starfish

Thank you for all your efforts in making Starfish a success!

During the fall of 2018, Starfish reached out to almost 8,000 students, with over 500 faculty participating in progress surveys. During this time, two types of Starfish progress surveys were deployed, allowing faculty to provide feedback on course performance for students in course-based and student population-based courses.

For the spring of 2019, progress surveys will be expanding to include course-based surveys for all faculty teaching 0001 to 2999-level courses. Student population-based surveys will continue to be sent to all faculty teaching athlete, international and/or veteran students. Thank you for participating and completing these surveys. Starfish is increasing student success through faculty feedback and a triage with campus resources and academic advisors.

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