



Staff Senate Monthly Report

June 05, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

President's Office

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Academic Affairs –Senior Vice Provost, Tami Benham-Deal

- A. Undergraduate Enrollment Taskforce – in the process of being developed this summer. The Taskforce will be made up of folks around campus who have a role in student enrollment, financial aid, marketing, advising, student success, enrollment management, office of the registrar and others. The goal is making meaningful progress on enrollment.
- B. New Vice Provost Position – President Sidel announced, following the last Board meeting and the closure of the DEI office, the creation of a Vice Provost Position has been developed. Job description for this position should be posted soon. It is anticipated that the position will be much like the Vice Provost position on enrollment management.
- C. Changing Faces in Provost Office – new vacancies and replacements within the office, patience during this transition is appreciated.

Ombudsperson

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Office of Research & Economic Development – Robert Macy, Director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- A. Robert Macy – Introducing himself as the new Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. They are interested in entrepreneurship or innovative activity throughout the entire University. If you have interest in commercialization, startups, businesses, etc, Robert is asking to be contacted directly.

Division of Operations

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Division of Budget and Finance

- A. FY 25 budget will go to the full board on June 12, 2024 for approval.
- B. Reminder that FY 24 year coming to a close June 30, 2024. If you have not had a chance to look at the Year-End Close Memo and Calendars, please do so.
- C. Budget and Finance office is working on fall fee assessments with the hope of providing students with the fee information mid-July. This is earlier than typically years where students are informed by the end of July. This is a fluid situation, but busy working on getting as much fee information to students earlier to help them prepare for their fall courseload.

Human Resources

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Government Affairs

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Student Affairs, Nycole Courtney, Dean of Student Success & Graduation and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

- A. Saddle Up Move-In Day – August 16, 2024.
 - a. Parent Basecamp: A new offering for parents and students to get needs met. A place to relax and recharge, includes helpful resources and connect with other parents / students. Basement of Washakie
 - b. UW Programs will have a chance to sign up to provide resources / information about their programs and offerings... this is in addition to the resource fair that will also be available for students / families as well (August 22nd)
- B. Saddle Up – August 17-25, 2024
- C. Move-In Day – August 24, 2024

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- A. Nothing to present this month.

Staff Senate Updates

- A. No new business updates.

Public Comment

A letter from Dilnoza Khasilova and Mollie Hand was written soliciting endorsement from Staff Senate to hold weekly mindfulness folk dance events. A special vote will be held online. Reach out to your senators to voice your opinion. See following pages for more information.

To: Members of the University of Wyoming Staff Senate

Subject: Request for Sponsorship of a Weekly Mindfulness Folk Dance Workshop

Dear Esteemed Members of the Staff Senate,

We are writing to seek your support and sponsorship for an exciting initiative that I believe will greatly enrich our campus community: a weekly mindfulness folk dance workshop to be held at Prexy's Pasture.

Proposal Overview: The proposed mindfulness folk dance workshop aims to bring together students, staff, and faculty in a joyous and culturally enriching activity. Folk dance is a wonderful way to celebrate cross-cultural connections, promote wellness, and build a sense of community/belonging. The workshops will be facilitated by a passionate and enthusiastic UW staff members and be open to guest volunteers who are willing to share their love of folk dance.

Benefits to the Campus Community:

1. **Cross-Cultural Enrichment:** Folk dance offers a window into different cultures and traditions. By participating in these workshops, attendees will gain a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural heritage that folk dances represent.
2. **Inclusive and Accessible:** The workshops will be designed to accommodate participants of all skill levels, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and included. No skills will be required to join. It's about having fun.

Logistics:

- **Location:** Prexy's Pasture, a central and picturesque location on campus that is ideal for outdoor activities.
- **Frequency:** Once a week, preferably in the late afternoon to accommodate diverse schedules.
- **Facilitators:** Dedicated volunteers and guest instructors with experience in various folk dance styles will lead the sessions.
- **Equipment:** Minimal, primarily portable sound equipment and signage

Request for Sponsorship: We kindly request the Staff Senate's sponsorship to help us cover the following:

- **Sound Equipment Rental:** Support from Staff Senate can allow us to utilize Aztec to borrow high-quality audio for music.
- **Marketing Materials:** We would love to show two banners with the Staff Senate logo at the workshops. Other marketing will be done via email and other digital media.
- **Refreshments:** If possible, having water available at the workshops would benefit those in attendance.

Conclusion: We believe that the weekly mindfulness folk dance workshop will be a vibrant addition to our campus life, offering numerous benefits to the entire university community. Your sponsorship would play a crucial role in making this vision a reality.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We are excited about the possibility of working together to bring this enriching and joyful activity to Prexy's Pasture. I am happy to provide any additional information and to discuss this proposal further at your convenience.

Warm regards,

Senator Mollie Hand
Manager, LeaRN Programs

Dilnoza Khasilova,
ECTL Assessment/Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Specialist

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to collaborate on this wonderful initiative.