### Faculty Senate Report by Provost Winningham 3/12/19

### **Eric Dickey Introduction**

Eric Wayne Dickey is WOU's new pre-award administrator. He has twenty years of proven results securing grant funding. He is here to help faculty find funding sources, and he can help with drafting and writing grant proposals, developing proposal budgets, and managing teams to ensure timely submissions of competitive, well-written, and successful grant applications. He has a history of success with NEA, NEH, NIH, NSF, NOAA, Spencer, AERA, Kresge, Russel Sage, Robert Wood Johnson, and more. He is also a poet, translator, and editor. He is a Vermont Studio Center Fellow and the recipient of a Jon Anson Kittredge Fund for Individual Artists administered by Harvard University. He is associate editor of Sing: Poetry from the Indigenous Americas (University of Arizona Press, 2011). As co-editor of the journal Pacifica: Poetry International, he received a 2018 Literary Arts of Oregon Fellowship for Publishers. His poetry, translations, and essays have been published widely, including Rhino, Cloudbank, Lummox, and International PoetryReview, among other journals. He published a review of a book by the late Oregon poet Ralph Salisbury in ASAIL, Association for Studies in American Indian Literature. In 2014, he published his first children's book, Alex the Ant Goes to the Beach (Craigmore Creations) which was nominated for an Oregon Book Award.

#### TK20/Watermark

Academic Affairs is exploring the potential for utilizing our existing software resource, Tk20, to provide a digital option for faculty submission of tenure, promotion, continuation and post-tenure review materials. We are working collaboratively with WOUFT and faculty across campus to test this function, and to develop an interface that supports the wide range of scholarship our colleagues engage in.

We plan to continue the development and testing process through the rest of this academic year, and then run a pilot test with a small group of faculty during next review cycle. If the pilot test is successful, this option would then be opened to all faculty beginning in 2020-21, on a voluntary basis. Faculty would still be able to submit their PRC materials via a paper-based folder, if they preferred.

If you have 30 minutes to spare and are interested in being part of the testing, please contact Beverly West (westb@wou.edu).

# New Tenure Track Faculty Welcome Letter

In an effort to bridge the gap in time between a new TT faculty is hired and the time they start in September (which can be as much as 8 months), a new welcome letter is in development. This is a collaborative effort with WOUFT, HR, and Academic Affairs. The letter will be emailed to new faculty by June 30<sup>th</sup> from the Provost email (provost@wou.edu).

The letter is intended to welcome new faculty to WOU and the surrounding community. New webpages have been developed and will be posted under the Provost's page, under the heading "New Faculty Resources". There are links to local city websites, school districts, public libraries, local annual events, and Willamette valley attractions and activities. The letter also links to policies and resources related to moving expenses and employee benefits (PEBB), as well as the Health and Wellness Center. Additionally, the letter contains information related to faculty contract dates and a links to WOUFT's website, CBA, and the Fall Kick-Off Week website. A helpful contact sheet and organizational charts for Academic Affairs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Education, and Library are also linked within the letter. Links in the letter are live, so feel free to take a look.

#### **DPT Update**

WOU's DPT Proposal was unanimously approved by the State-wide Provost Council on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be reviewed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### WOU:Salem

#### Bus Ads

The contract for the Salem bus advertising has been signed. Credit should go to Cat and Carson for working through those issues so we could take advantage of all 3 months (March 15 - June 15).

We will have 10 buses with 10 unique advertisements with a combination of curbside and traffic side ads. The buses will rotate routes throughout the Salem-Keizer transit area, so we should get major visibility all over the Salem-Keizer area.





# **Spring Courses**

As of 3/3/19, all 8 available class slots are assigned to courses. Sixty students are enrolled in a WOU:Salem course, just over 25% capacity with two sections at 60% or more capacity.

## Application, Website & CRM

The ABLS degree is now on the 2019 online application and the printed application.

Through the WOU:Salem website (<a href="www.wou.edu/salem">www.wou.edu/salem</a>), we have been contacted by 5 non-WOU people, interested in the Salem site. They have all been personally contacted and sent the Spring Schedule and Course Offerings memo.

We are currently working with Admissions to develop a communications plan for WOU:Salem applicants.

Fall Kick Off Event Calendar has been published. From Bev West's 3-6-19 email:

The overview schedule for Fall Kickoff 2019 is now available - a PDF version is attached, and the most current version can always be found online: www.wou.edu/provost/fall-kickoff/

This is a preliminary schedule - we recommend adding the Fall Kickoff calendar to your Google calendar so that you will always have the most updated schedule.
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