

Staff Senate Quarterly

W O U S T A F F S E N A T E

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Welcome to all the new employees of WOU!
- We've got your recycling facts here!
- You are invited to our next Senate meeting.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PATRICK MOSER

Well, the end of the school year is quickly approaching. It seems like the year has just flown by. In many regards, it has been a busy year for all of us and Staff Senate has worked very hard to represent the staff well.

Staff Senate has been working very hard to accomplish the goals that we established at the beginning of this year. I am very happy to report that we accomplished many of our goals. Our Staff Development Committee has been working with Human Resources to provide feedback and ideas for developments on campus. This has resulted in some exciting developments that include Identity Theft and Self Defense. Look forward to many more staff development opportunities in the future. We have worked with telecommunications to update the Staff Resource Guide. You can find the most updated version of the guide on our website. We have a special committee on

Student Communication that is looking to help establish a campus standard on how staff and faculty get information to students. We are working with Faculty Senate to propose a unified recommendation to the President's Office. Finally, we hosted our very first New Staff Welcome in the fall. This Welcome will be combined with a Meet Your Staff Senate event in the future and is a great way to meet new staff and to get to know your Staff Senate. We have managed to keep ourselves very busy and had a very productive year on Staff Senate.

The Staff Senate, as always, is very interested in hearing from you about the issues that you feel are most important for us to address. I would encourage you to contact any one of the senators regarding any ideas

or issues that you believe we should explore. Also, we would like to offer an open invitation for you to attend one or more of our Staff Senate meetings. Our final meeting of the academic year will be on Friday, June 8 in the Willamette Room from 8:30am – 10:00am. We would be happy to have you visit and see first hand what Staff Senate is working on.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter. If you have any ideas for future articles, please let us know. We are very interested in your input! Have a great Summer!

Sincerely,
Patrick Moser
Staff Senate President



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WHAT'S NEW WITH STAFF SENATE

Calling all voters – that's all of you reading this!!! It is that time to cast the vote again...not for the White House, but for the Staff Senator seats that are opening up at the end of this year. That's right, nominations are being confirmed and ballots will be out after the Memorial Day vacation. So be sure to cast your votes and return the ballots to Patrick Moser! We

will have SEVEN positions open, which include:

2 Academic Affairs

- 1 classified
- 1 administrative

2 Administrative Services

- 1 classified
- 1 administrative

3 Student Services

- 1 classified
- 2 administrative

Please – this is your opportunity to elect your senators, take advantage of it!

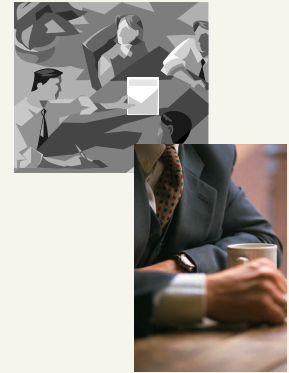
YOU ARE INVITED!!!!

At our June 8th meeting we will be announcing the new senators and then the new President and Secretary will be voted into office. This is your invitation, as our constituency, to attend our meeting. The snacks and coffee will be provided.

JUNE 8th

WILLAMETTE ROOM, WUC

8:30–10:00 am



Come Join us!

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”



We all know that it takes many, many people to make WOU as successful as we have been. We are bringing new faces to campus to join our staff, faculty and employees. Each of the new members brings a unique background and perspective. We on Staff Senate would like to take a moment and introduce you to some new folks. As always, if you or

NEW EMPLOYEES AT WOU!

someone in your department is new, let us know so that we may welcome them! Without further Ado, some of our new employees!

NAME: Bruce Vickers
 EMAIL: vickersb@wou.edu
 CAMPUS PHONE: 88932
 CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT:
 Banner Conversion Assistant, Business Office
 INTERESTS: Camping,

Music, Chess, Anything with family.

BACKGROUND: I've held a variety of positions within the information services sector as a programmer, analyst and project manager.

FUN FACT: I've been married 28 years to the woman of my dreams and have three lovely daughters.

NAME: Jackson Stalley
 EMAIL: stalleyj@wou.edu
 CAMPUS PHONE: 88894
 CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Electronic resources and serials technician

PERSONAL INTRO: My name is Jackson Stalley and I was raised in a small town in Idaho. I attended the University of New Mexico on a debate scholarship and met my partner Emily Plec there. We moved to the University

of Utah for Emily's doctorate (and for me to climb!) and arrived in beautiful Monmouth five years ago. I returned to my studies here at WOU and will graduate shortly.

INTERESTS: fly fishing, fly tying, and basketball

HOBBIES: climbing, canyoneering, backpacking, and anything backcountry related.

BACKGROUND: I was a student worker in the Hamersly Library Archives for several years before being offered a staff position in collection management. I have been employed by REI for about ten years in three different states.

FUN FACT: I have a small addiction to fly casting for steelhead.



NAME: Jessica L. Heintz
 EMAIL: heintzj@wou.edu
 CAMPUS PHONE: 88436
 CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Scholarships Officer/
 Financial Aid Counselor, Financial Aid Office

INTERESTS: Camping, outdoor activities

HOBBIES: Playing with my 3 (!) dogs, spending time with friends and family, working my Mary Kay business on the side :)

BACKGROUND: Currently live in Albany, used to work for OSU-- 1st in Disability Services for three

years, went on the graduate school part-time with the College Student Services Administration program at OSU, then worked in a service-learning position with PeaceJam, also at OSU.

FUN FACT: I am always looking for new recruits for the WOU General Scholarship Committee! If you are looking for a great way to volunteer which really supports WOU students, look no further!



Thank you to those who offered a glimpse into who they are! We are always excited to meet our new hires! Please feel free to contact anyone of the Staff Senators to get your information in our newsletter and introduce yourself to the WOU community. New or old, we would love to hear from you!

**STAFF SENATOR SPOTLIGHT:
 JEANNE DEANE**

In this edition of the Staff Senate Newsletter, we would like to a moment to introduce you to one of your returning staff senators. For this edition, we introduce you to ...

JEANNE DEANE!

My husband Wayne and I have lived in Monmouth since July 1970. Our two adult daughters were born in Salem and lived in Monmouth while they were growing up. I started working at Western Oregon University on December 1, 1988, and I've worked in the Mathematics Department, the Psychology Department (before Psychology became its own division), and the Social Science Division. There are six departments in the Social Science Division: Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Geography,

History, Political Science and Sociology.

My office is currently located in HSS 231A; however the Social Science Division will be moving to Maaske Hall during the week between the spring and summer quarters. My office will be located in MH 217 for six months, while renovations are made to the office wing of the Humanities and Social Science Building.

I make appointments for students seeking a Social Science major or minor and a Secondary Education Social Science degree with the Division Chair John Rector. You can reach me at 503-838-8288 or deanej@wou.edu.

I am one of the founding

members of Abby's House Center for Women and Families, the women's center on campus. I am an active member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, initiated when I was a junior here on campus, and I'm a shop steward with SEIU Local 503, OPEU Local 082.

Jeanne is one of the founding members of Abby's House Center for Women and Families!



RECYCLING AND ENERGY CONSERVATION AT WOU!

We can all do our part to make the world we live in a cleaner environment. We all have a responsibility to help sustain our planet so and work to create an environment that will be supportive for lifetimes to come. Here at WOU, we do, in fact, have a number of programs in place to help reduce our impact on the environment. Allen Risen

has offered the following information so that you may become aware of what we are doing here at WOU!

For the University,

recycling is not a money maker, but all that we DO recycle helps in reducing reusable waste going into our landfills.

Below you will find information on Energy costs and consumption for Western Oregon University that you requested. The utilities information is for a one month period, and is not 100% complete due to Natural Gas usage. Some Natural Gas usage for Auxiliary Services and Valsetz Dining are separately metered, budgeted and paid separately by them, I do not have access to those figures.

Recycling is for the 2006 fiscal year and there are many vendors involved. The budget for recycling is approximately \$16,000 per year which covers disposal costs and contract fees etc. Returns from all of Recycling can vary from \$3,000 to \$5,000.00 per year.

For the University, recycling is not a money maker, but all that we DO recycle helps in reducing reusable waste going into our landfills. Every little bit helps in reducing garbage costs and conserving our

natural resources.

New programs are always being developed to reduce the Universities consumption and waste. Over the past few years the Physical Plant has been installing new energy efficient lighting throughout campus. To name one project, New PE Gym was a major undertaking by replacing the lighting

has provided substantial savings. Another project completed which will save energy costs, has been the replacement of the old cooling tower at the Administration building's chiller. Cooling towers are a major component for the cooling of buildings. Other areas for conserving energy are computers. Think how many computers are in use on campus. Even with a sleep mode, electricity is being used to power each sleeping unit. Please turn them off along with your office lights when you are to be away for long periods of time.

In November of 2006 the Physical Plant purchased a trash compactor to save costs in hauling fees. With the compactor we can get more waste per load and haul when full, where as open trash dumpsters could only be filled to the top rim and was on a weekly pick up schedule.

All wood waste products are now being separated and placed in a 30 yard dumpster. This wood waste is hauled to a local recycling center, which will then chop the waste up into planting/bedding mulch instead of it going to the landfill. The cost is also cheaper than dumping it in the landfill.

There is still a lot of good recyclables going in the trash. I.e. drink containers and paper. It only takes a little effort to place it in a recycle container. If departments have empty toner cartridges, please save them for recycling. I have just started an agreement with the local Lions club who will collect all of our empty toner cartridges as a fund raiser for their organization.



Any special requests you may need for recycling, please contact Allen Risen at 838-8156.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AT WOU

UTILITIES for January 15th - February 15th, 2007

WATER	
*Auxiliary & Valsetz	
303,409 100's cu. ft	\$4,856.78
*E&G Buildings	
79,980 100's cu. Ft	\$2,276.78
ELECTRICITY	
*Auxiliary & Valsetz	
73,738 Units	\$5,296.14
*E&G Buildings	
943,732 Kilowatt hours	\$48,777.94
NATURAL GAS	
*E&G Buildings	
67,718 Therms	\$59,859.97
GASOLINE	
600-800 Gallons per month	

WASTE

GARBAGE	
8 -9TONS per month	
Approximately \$4,000 per month	

RECYCLING YEAR 2006

WOOD WASTE	2.25 TONS
YARD DEBRIS	15.0 TONS
MIXED PAPER	52.60 TONS
CARDBOARD	7.0 TONS
PLASTIC	5.36 TONS
GLASS	0.50 TONS
TIN CANS	1.48 TONS
SCRAP METALS	8.19 TONS
COPPER	0.379 TONS
ALUMINUM	0.55 TONS
USED MOTOR OIL	55 GAL.
COOKING GREASE	3.75 TONS
OLD TIRES	700 LBS.
MIXED BATTERIES	0.25 TONS

+--Bizarre Recycling Facts--+

*Americans use enough corrugated cardboard in a year to make a bale the size of a football field. About 40% of it is recycled.

* If Americans recycled half our newsprint every year, we'd need 3,200 fewer garbage trucks to collect municipal trash.

* Americans throw away enough used motor oil every year to fill 120 supertankers. It could all be recycled.

* To make plastics, the U.S. uses about a billion barrels of petroleum by-products each year. This is enough to fill over 56,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

* Every year, Americans dispose of 1.6 billion pens, 2 billion razors and blades, and 18 billion diapers.

* Americans use 100 million steel and tin cans every day. We recycle about 5% of them.

* According to the EPA, we create enough garbage every year to fill a convoy of 10-ton garbage trucks 145,000 miles long.

Thank you Allen for these staggering, and bizarre facts about the consumption and recycling facts that impact the world around us!



We can all take a part in making the environment a little cleaner.



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Academic Affairs members:

- *Karen Johnson (Classified) 8-8235
- Jeanne Deane (Classified) 8-8288
- *Penelope Repko (Administrative) 8-8458
- Connie Wildfang (Administrative) 8-8689

Administrative Services members:

- *Marsha Smith (Classified) 8-8080
- Heather Scott (Classified) 8-8963
- *Allen Risen (Administrative) 8-8156
- Alice Sprague (Administrative) 8-8139

Student Services members:

- *Jennifer Hansen, secretary (Classified) 8-8432
- Angie Berry (Classified) 8-8064
- *Patrick Moser, President (Administrative) 8-8302
- *Philip Reid (Administrative) 8-8329

* denotes members who will be ending their service on the senate at the end of the year.

The Staff Senate complements the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate as a component of Western Oregon University's system of shared governance and is comprised of elected members from the two staff categories at the University. Guests are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

The purpose of the Staff Senate is to:

- promote positive dialogue among staff, faculty, administrators, and students.
- advise and recommend to the University President on matters outside the scope of collective bargaining.
- make resolutions on behalf of constituencies and outside the scope of collective bargaining.
- consider ideas or projects of importance to the University.

*THANKS FOR ALLOWING US
TO SERVE!*

As the quote is often heard, "All good things must come to an end." This is the case now. As the academic year will come to a close in a few short weeks, so will the service of several members of the staff senate. Those of us who are leaving wanted to take a moment and thank you, our constituency for electing us into our positions and allowing us the opportunity to serve as your representatives in the Staff Senate. Over the course of our time, we have worked hard to provide you with the voice you deserve and opportunities and resources for your benefit. It with pride that we leave our posts and allow new faces and ideas to join the senate. Best wishes as we look toward a new year and many wonderful times!



Thank you for your support!