



Message From Patrick Moser, Our President!

Greetings, I hope fall term is treating you well. I have the great pleasure of representing you and the Staff Senate as the Staff Senate President this year. Your Staff Senate is working very diligently to accomplish some things that our group has not done in the past; and I think you will see the fruits of our labor in many different ways.

One of Staff Senate’s objectives is achieving a higher visibility on campus and we hope that this newsletter is one of several effective tools to this regard. Additionally, your staff senators are busy at work on a variety of projects that range from a New

Staff Welcome Reception to working with Human Resources to explore new possibilities for on campus staff development opportunities to better serve you as constituents.

We are also 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 myself or 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. We meet in the Hamersly Library, Room 205 on

the second Friday of every month from 8:30am – 10:00am. We would be happy to have you visit and see first hand what Staff Senate is working on.

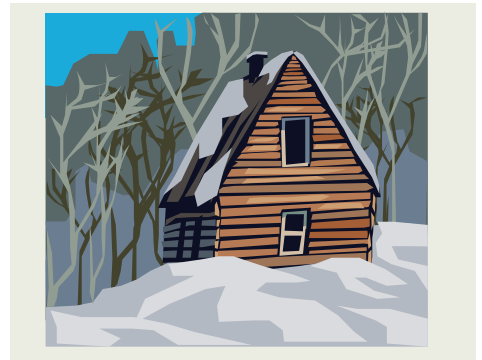
We hope that you enjoy our newsletter. If you have any ideas for future articles, please let us know. We are very interested in your input! Have a good rest of the term and it is my hope that you are able to enjoy some time away during our student’s upcoming winter break.

Sincerely,
Patrick Moser
Staff Senate President

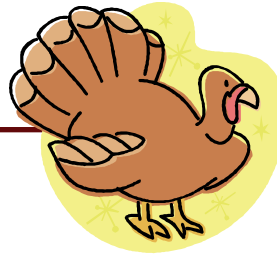


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What's New With The Staff Senate?



What's new with Staff Senate

Staff Senate established many new goals and initiatives that we aim to work on this year. We have already made great progress in accomplishing our goals.

Staff Senate 2006-2007 Goals

Send Meeting Agendas out on "allfacstaff"-

This goal was designed to increase visibility of Staff Senate across campus. We have seen increased non-senator attendance at our monthly meetings. Also, to increase visibility, a link to the Staff Senate web site was added to the "Staff and Faculty" pull down menu off of the WOU main web page.

Revisit and Resend on-line questionnaire –

We have revised our on-line survey and will be republishing the staff questionnaire asking for our constituents input. The survey will be on our website and we are hoping that staff will take time to give us ideas as to what are important issues we should be considering as a group.

Implement a New Staff Welcome Program –

On November 7, Staff Senate sponsored our first ever New Staff Welcome Reception. We invited all new staff members that were hired after June 2006, current staff member and faculty. The reception included refreshments and door prizes for new staff. The event was well attended and was a success. Our plan is to host a reception every fall and spring terms.

Staff Development –

Staff Senate developed a committee to work with Human Resources and Niki Young to develop ideas for on campus staff development opportunities. Look for some staff development programs in the future.

Meet your Staff Senate Night –

Staff Senate will be hosting a Meet Your Staff Senate Night sometime during winter term. All staff will be invited. Stay tuned for additional details.

Establish a Newsletter –

We will be publishing an online newsletter fall, winter and spring terms on our web site. We will be sending hard copies to staff that do not have computer access at work.

Other Items of Interest –

Staff Senate continues to maintain the "Campus in Bloom" website and we are adding a web guide to "Campus Memorials" and "Campus Art." We are also in the process of updating the Departmental Resource Guide with the help of Teresa Bybee and Sue Payton. All of these items can be or soon will be added to the Staff Senate website located at: <http://www.wou.edu/staffsenate>.

This is proving to be a very busy year for Staff Senate. Please let us know if you have any ideas for additional initiatives we should consider.

New Employees At WOU!

We on the Staff Senate would like to take a few minutes of your reading pleasures to introduce some of the new faces at WOU. If you or someone in your department is new and would like to be featured in the next edition of the Staff Senate Newsletter, please contact anyone of us and we would love to get the information and new faces out to the rest of WOU!

Now — without further ado, some of the new members of WOU!

NAME: Greg Bruce

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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Women's Basketball Coach - Athletics

Interests: Sports (participating and as a spectator), Reading mystery novels, Traveling, Outdoor activities

Hobbies: Playing golf, following the football and basketball teams at Purdue Univer-

sity (alma mater), going to movies with my family

Background: Born and raised in the Midwest, 11 years as a high school teacher/coach in Arizona, coached and taught at the following universities in the past 20 years: Notre Dame - Portland State - Northern Colorado - Cal St. Bakersfield - UC Davis - Fort Lewis
What would you like WOU to know about you? My wife and I will celebrate our 36th wedding anniversary on November 21st, our son (Kyle) is currently a freshman at UCLA.

NAME: CM Hall

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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Staff Interpreter, Office of Disability Services

Interests: Lesbian, Gay, Bi, and Trans Civil Rights, Democratic Politics and Campaigns, Healthy Eating

Hobbies: Running Marathons, 1/2 Marathons, 10K's, 5K's and Racquetball, watching The Daily Show, The Colbert Report, and The

Office

Background: I've worked mostly over the last 10 years in political campaigns and lesbian, gay, bi, trans civil rights political organizations on a national and local level. I left my job as a labor organizer with SEIU, Local 503 OPEU in September 2006 to take this position within the university system to afford graduate school. I love and miss SEIU! They are the best people to work for and with. Prior to that, I worked as the Deputy Political Director for John Kerry for President for a year and a half and traveled all over the US with John Kerry and ran Veterans for Kerry among other constituency efforts. I'm most proud of that work and my work prior to that with Basic Rights Oregon, raising nearly \$1 million to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity here in Oregon. I worked to pass civil rights ordinances in several communities, which makes me so proud as a native Oregonian. I just moved from Portland to Corvallis for school, and am sorely missing Portland, but I do get to live with a friend and former Western grad, Nick Hurley, in Corvallis, so it's a pretty good setup.

New Employees At WOU! (Cont'd)

NAME: Charisse Jolliff

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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Heritage Hall Area Coordinator in the Office of University Residence

Interests: Like going to the beach, spending time with my family, hanging out with friends

Hobbies: Shopping, golfing, reading, doing crafts

Background: I am originally from Keizer, OR. I attended school at WOU, and just graduated in June with my degree with Health with minor in biology. I have previously worked for University Residences for the last 4 years in various capacities.

What would you like WOU to know about you? I am excited to embark on the latest phase of my journey here at WOU.

NAME: Yuliya Kharitonova

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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Office Specialist, Catering Department

INTERESTS: Art, music.

HOBBIES: Life drawing, running in the park.

BACKGROUND: Grew up in industrial city Tolyatti in Russia. Came to USA on the student exchange program in 1998. Lived and went to college in Orem, UT till I moved to Salem, OR in May with my husband Jeremy.

ABOUT ME: I am friendly and easy to talk to and I have THE BEST CANDY in my

office, because I enjoy having people visiting me.

Name- DJ Kooken

Phone- 0448

Position- Assistant Baseball Coach/ Game Manager

Interests- Coaching Baseball, Being around my family and friends

Hobbies- Bowhunting and Salmon/ Steelhead Fishing

Background- I am from Winston OR, went to Douglas High School. And then attended and played baseball at Lane Community College in Eugene, OR, and then transferred to Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, ID, and played baseball for the past two years and I am still taking classes there online.

I am very happy to be back in Oregon coaching here at Western, I think Western is the perfect place for me to start my college coaching career.

NAME: Beverly Merriman

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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Administrative Assistant to the Special Education Division, in the College of Education.

Interests: Observing nature. Current events and world politics. Agriculture and related topics. Computer technology and new applications. Avid lover of music and the arts. Hobbies: I'm an animal lover and have cats, dogs, and a horse. Hiking, photography, sewing, and I collect cool looking rocks!

Background/Introduction: I have taken the position of Administrative Assistant previously filled by Delphine Freshour. Delphine's 20 plus years of excellent service to the division has left me with some pretty

big shoes to fill, but I will do my best! I've wanted to work for WOU for quite some time. There aren't many people leaving this university for jobs elsewhere which means that people have been happy to be part of this institution and I can see why. There are so many nice folks, very capable people here, and the university is just the right size to be able to dedicate quality attention to all of our students. All in all, this is an exceptionally nice place to work. I look forward to meeting all of you whom I haven't met yet over the coming years! I worked for the Seed Certification office in the Crop and Soil Sciences Dept. of OSU in Corvallis for four years before joining the team at WOU. What would you like WOU to know about you? I think I covered most of what folks might like to read about in the intro.

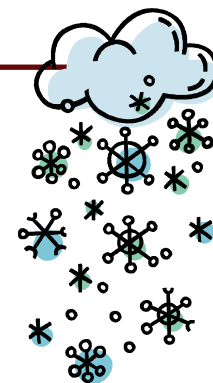
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Staff Development Opportunities

Several of our Staff Senators are working together to provide our campus staff with opportunities for professional development. Alice Sprague, Karen Johnson, Chris Kempton and Jeanne Deane are working with a variety of campus departments to create opportunities to provide resources, lectures, training sessions, etc. that allow you to take a bit of your day and improve the skills you use each day, or to learn some new tricks of the trade.

Keep an eye out for announcements letting you know of an opportunity. Also, if you have an idea that would make a great training topic, or are willing to offer a session, let one of us know and we will see about arranging that session.



New Employees At WOU! (Cont'd)

NAME: Adalberto (Beto) Reyes
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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Program Assistant, International Students and Scholars Affairs

Interests/Hobbies: Longboarding, juggling, salsa dancing, surfing, lacrosse, quoting movies, taking pictures, cooking, football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, video editing, and hopefully soon, sky diving.

Background: I was born in Mexico City, and after graduating high school I came to Oregon where I decided to come to WOU for a wonderful 4 years. I was part of the 150th class!

What would you like WOU to know about you? Western Oregon gave a lot to me as a student, now I am ready to give back!

NAME: Ambre Staley
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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Office Specialist, International Students & Scholars Affairs Office
Interests: Currently, finishing my degree here at WOU in Public Policy & Administration

Hobbies: Between work and school getting as much rest as possible. Learning about the Chinese culture from two international students who are currently living with my boyfriend, as well as teaching them a thing or two about being an American and living in Oregon.

Background (where you previously worked/lived): My hometown is in St. Helens, Oregon (no, not the mountain in Washington) which is where I graduated HS from in 2002. Before becoming the Office Specialist for the International Office I was a student worker for them for the last two years. What would you like WOU to know about you? I am glad to be part of this beautiful campus both as a student and most recently as an employee.

NAME: Luis Rosa
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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Director of Health and Counseling
Background: Moved to Oregon from Ohio



We welcome you all to a successful stay at WOU!

this past summer - had been a life long resident of Ohio. I attended Youngstown State University and the University of Akron for my graduate degree in Counseling. Worked as the director of Counseling Services at Baldwin Wallace College, a liberal arts college in North East Ohio. I also worked in private practice for a number of years. My clinical and academic interests are in multi-cultural counseling, multi-racial identity, raising multi-racial children and interracial relationships in a social and psychological context.

Interests and Hobbies: I find solace, connection and adventure when I am spending time in the woods, hiking, canoeing or fly fishing. I enjoy reading, writing and getting lost in small frumpy bookstores.

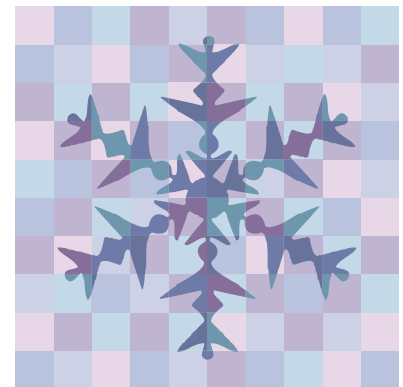
What would you like WOU to know about you? I have quite a pet family, a significant other, a ten year old son and a 24 year old daughter in Denver. One thing about me that is unusual is that I am Cape Verdean. My parents are immigrants from the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of west Africa.

NAME: LouAnn Vickers
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CURRENT POSITION AND DEPARTMENT: Employment & Recruitment Technician, Human Resources
Interests: I enjoy music, love the fall (which was absolutely gorgeous this year) and enjoy camping.
Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with family, working on jigsaw puzzles for "downtime", and hope to someday have time to spend researching family history.
Background: I recently moved here from California where I was employed as an Administrative Assistant at a Christian School in Patterson, which is near Modesto.

What would you like WOU to know about you? I have been married for 28 years to my husband, Bruce. We have 3 daughters ages 23, 20, and 19 ~ all of them were born in Oregon. We lived in Portland for about 8 years in the mid-80's, so we are quite familiar with the "liquid sunshine!" We moved back to California to be closer to family while our children were growing up and recently returned to Oregon. I am really enjoying my job at WOU. I have felt very welcomed and work with a wonderful staff in HR.

Name: Richard (Dick) Webber
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Current position and department: Journeyman plumber, Facilities Services
Interests: Family and work
Hobbies: camping, fishing
Background: I came here from Oregon State University, where I worked for almost 8 years. I was a millwright for 5 year before that in the lumber industry. I spent 24 years in the Navy prior to that. What would you like WOU to know about you? I am a native Oregonian, born in Eugene. My family moved to Independence in 1967. I graduated from Central High. Just a local boy returned.

Thank you to those who submitted information for inclusion in this issue. If you are new to WOU or have someone that is and would like to see their name in print, send the biographical information to Penelope Repko or Philip Reid.



WOU STAFF SENATE

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STAFFSENATE/INDEX.HTML](http://www.wou.edu/president/staffsenate/index.html)

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Are you interested in better serving our International students? Want to learn more about the Chinese culture & language?

If so, consider this professional development opportunity that could be of great value to the students you serve. The Division of Continuing Education and Outreach Services will be offering **Beginning Chinese Language and Culture** during Winter Term. The 10-week class will be held on campus, Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

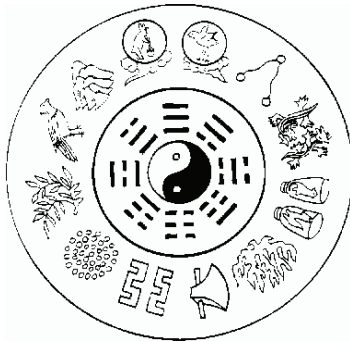
This is a beginning conversational Mandarin Chinese course, focusing on pronunciation, basic conversation, situational dialogue, and an introduction to the Chinese culture. No prior Chinese language experience is necessary and there is no required text to purchase!

Choose one of three registration options:

1. Take the class for no credit and pay just \$135 (cost includes course materials)
2. Take the class for 2 undergraduate credits (Hum 199) and pay \$235 (includes materials)
3. Take the class as professional development, approved and paid by the University. Reduced cost available of \$120 for first person, \$100 for each additional participant from the same department (includes materials).

To register contact Division of Continuing Education & Outreach Services at 838-8483 or www.wou.edu/extendedprograms

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Your Staff Senate — Patrick Moser — Assistant Director, Leadership and Operations

Profile of Patrick Moser, Assistant Director, Leadership and Operations

I grew up in Gresham, Oregon just 11 miles northeast of Portland. In 1991, I moved to Monmouth to go to school to become a high school teacher. I ended up graduating with a degree in Speech Communication from Western Oregon University (WOSC at the time) in 1996. I was a Resident Assistant, a Hall Director and involved in student government as an undergraduate.

I was hired as the Landers Hall Area Coordinator in July 1996 for the Department of University Residences and I have been working in the department in different capacities for the last 10 years. In my current position, Assistant Director, Leadership and Operations, I have various responsibilities that include coordinating large scale resi-

dence hall weekend programs, operating the Residential Service Center and coordinating housing for summer conference guests.

Outside of my work, I am heavily involved in the community of Monmouth. I have served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Senior Center Advisory Board and I am the current Council President of the Monmouth City Council. I believe civic service and giving back to the community is a vital part of being a member of a community and I try role model that value to the students I work with on campus.

When I am not busy with my job or community involvement, I enjoy spending time with friends, watching and participating in sports, golf, tennis, fishing and I enjoy reality television programs a little too much for my own good.

I really love WOU and the type of students that we attract. I have always enjoyed working with our students and watching them grow before our eyes. I find the staff and faculty of Western to be some of the most kind and generous people I have ever met. I believe that is why I have made Western and Monmouth my home for last 15 years.

In the next edition of the Staff Senate newsletter, you will have the opportunity to meet several other members of the group.

We look forward to seeing you all around campus and as you see us, please say hi!