# Staff Conference Annual Report Highlights

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017



## **W**—Our Mission

The mission of Staff Assembly is to provide a forum for communication that enhances the work environment and values the ideas of all staff. We are committed to represent the interest and concerns of the Staff Conference to the president, administration, and other members of the university. We are dedicated to promoting staff involvement both on campus and in the community, providing opportunities that enrich staff experiences, and encouraging a positive campus climate of support and respect among peers. The Staff Assembly fosters the mission of the university and serves to continue to make Winthrop University the best place to work.

## Standing Committee

Highlights



#### **Elections & Nominations**

- Chair: Becky Best; members: Kamal Rai
- 2 re- elected members: Kelly McGinnis and Julia Fockler
- 7 new members: Penny Cotter; Amanda Hackney; Kirk McSwain; Jessica Cassel; Wes Love; Kaye Burks; and Alicia Marstall

## **Current Staff Assembly Representation**

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Division	Name	Term Ends	Officer			
Academic Affairs	Maria D'Agostino	June 30,2018	Chair			
Academic Affairs	Amanda Hackney	June 30, 2019				
Academic Affairs	Susan Sauvigne	June 30, 2018				
Access& Enrollment Management	Julia Fockler	June 30, 2019	Parliamentarian			
Athletics	Kelly McGinnis	June 30, 2019	Secretary			
Athletics	Penny Cotter	June 30, 2018				
Finance and Business	Becky Best	June 30, 2018				
Financeand Business	Jessica Cassel	June 30, 2019	Historian			
Finance and Business	Wes Love	June 30, 2019				
HR, Employee Diversity and Wellness	Kaye Burks	June 30, 2019				
Institional Advancement	Lori Tuttle	June 30, 2018				
Office of the President	Kirk McSwain	June 30, 2018				
Student Life	Alicia Marstall	June 30,2019				

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Treasurer

Vice Chair

Student Life

University Relations

Jackie Concodora

Nicole Chisari



#### **Media and Communications**

- Chair: Summersby OkeyHamrick; members: Maria
   D'Agostino, Tracy Holbert, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis,
   Kat Wilson, and Whitney Hough
- New Staff Stuff content included a monthly "WU Reviews" column, in which staff members recommend books, restaurants, etc., and a committee corner for updates
- Published 8 editions mentioning and/or picturing 374 staff members



#### **Professional Development**

Staff Professional
Development
Conference
More than 140 staff
members
participated in the
one-day event.

TLC session on Microsoft 365
Hosted on January 6, with standing room only

Wake-Up Fridays
Hosted by Dacus
Library and the
Louise Pettus
Archives

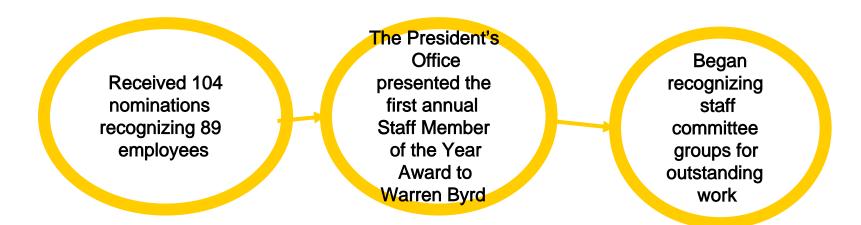
 Chair: Goldie Gildehaus; members: Nicole Chisari, Brittany Neely, Brittany Pigford, LeeAnn Pounds, Cassandra W right, Alicia Marstall, and Lindsay Voegele



## Campus and Community Involvement



## RECOGNITION



Chair: Miranda Knight; members: Niki Behr, Michele Smith, Clarissa Elmore, Amanda Marshall, De Wells, Kara Traverse, and Jen Fricke



## Staff Members of the Month

July 2016 Pam Gillette	August 2016 Ramona Kundl	September 2016 Daphne Sears	November 2016 Monica Bennett	December 2016/Januar y 2017 Brittany Pigford
February 2017 Carolyn Sumner	March 2017 Patricia Boler	April 2017 Joan Hetherington	May 2017 Roberta Daniels	<mark>June 201</mark> 7 Jessica Martin

## 2 Milestones



- Professional Development Committee offered first Staff Professional Development Conference on June 13
- Links were added to the Staff Conference website displaying Staff Members of the Month and a calendar featuring staff-related events
- Staff Conference Chair welcomed new students at Convocation
- Members approved changes to the bylaws, including creating the new position of treasurer and changing the number of assembly representatives from 13 to 15



## **Guest Speakers**

- President Dan Mahony
- Chris Johnson, sustainability coordinator
- Shannon Smith, benefits and wellIness program manager
- Walter Hardin, associate vice president for facilities management
- Kimberly Faust, chief of staff and Board of Trustees secretary
- Katie Price, director of marketing
- LeeAnn Pounds, employee relations manager
- Tina Vires, program director for the Office of Accessibility
- Meg Webber, vice provost for academic affairs
- Frank Zebedis, chief of police



#### **Topics Covered**

- Fair Labor Standards Act
- University budget measures
- Campus lighting and crosswalk safety
- WU Alert system
- Retirement system
- Global Learning Initiative impact report
- Board of Trustees overview
- Cybersecurity awareness training
- Intra-campus communications work group update
- New virtual tour and rebranding overview
- Therapy animals on campus



## Staff Engagement

#### Invited to position search committees for:

- the deans of the College of Business Administration and Visual and Performing Arts
- vice president for institutional advancement
   Sat on committees for:
- Faculty/staff campus events
- Strategic plan
- Intra-campus communications
- Board of Trustees committees



Thank you for all that you do.

