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University of Washington Tacoma Staff Association  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Winter Quarter General Meeting  
Tacoma Room

**Board Members Present**

Sandra Spadoni, Megan Bentley, Ashley Bradley, Angela Zurcher, Sally Schwartz

**Absent**

Sheri Burden

**Commencement**

Sandra Spadoni started the meeting at 2:00pm

**Open Topics**

- I. Updates on Staff Association activities:
  - a. SA Co-Chairs met with Provost on Chancellor search process
    - i. Interim to begin spring quarter 2014
    - ii. Search process to begin at the earliest autumn quarter 2014
  - b. Staff Professional Development Task Force
    - i. Group led by Richard Wilkinson, Director of HR
    - ii. Group to discuss and address issues, concerns, needs of staff regarding professional development
    - iii. Concerns: inequities across campus (e.g. release time across units)
  - c. Distinguished Staff Award
    - i. Board member, Sheri Burden, organizing the award
    - ii. Nominations closed last Friday, February 21, 2014
    - iii. Recipient to be announced shortly
  - d. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Current figures shared
    - ii. \$250 scholarship in donated by the SA in Chancellor Friedman's honor
    - iii. No questions/concerns

- e. Spring Cookie Social! Thursday, March 20, 2014 12:30-1:30 in Tacoma Room
  - i. Bake your most delicious batch of cookies and share them among your peers! Don't forget to list allergies
- f. Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in WPH
  - i. More to come regarding this event via *uwline*
- II. Questions for all staff meeting with the Vice Chancellors on Monday, March 17, 2014
  - a. Staff can email SA Co-Chairs with questions, concerns, or topics to be raised; or they can be submitted anonymously on the SA website via catalyst
- III. Brief introductions around the room, as several new staff arrived
- IV. Office of the UW Ombud
  - a. Introduction and overview from Ombud, Chuck Sloane, and Emma Williams
  - b. Informal, confidential advice for students, staff and faculty
  - c. 400-600 cases per year; 2/3 staff
  - d. Staff are encouraged to contact their office by phone or in-person

## **Adjournment**

Sandra Spadoni ended the meeting at 2:50pm