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University of Washington Tacoma Staff Association  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Autumn Quarter General Meeting Minutes  
GWP 320

## **Board Members**

Megan Bentley-Moon, Robbie Lang, Galen Guffy, Michal Nolte, Sheri Burden, Sally Schwartz

### I. Campus Updates

#### a. Childcare Center Update

- i. Tentative opening date is January 2016.
- ii. Location: Tacoma Children's Museum on the basement level.
- iii. There are no further updates on how space will be allocated.

#### b. Staff Professional Development Taskforce Update by Linda Patterson, Director of Professional Development

- i. Professional Development Taskforce started in 2013. The taskforce discovered a lot of different professional development approaches, so decided to look at professional development broadly.
- ii. Created a menu of professional development options, along with information and suggestions on how to pursue professional development.
- iii. UW Tacoma Professional Development is currently offering management development training for supervisors and managers and offers sponsored workshops.
- iv. Linda encouraged staff to proactively pursue opportunities for professional development. Staff are welcome to contact Linda Patterson if they have questions.

#### c. Combined Fund Drive (CFD) Update, Susan Wagshul-Golden, CFD Committee Co-Chair

- i. UW Tacoma increased participation from 69 participants to 107.
- ii. UW Tacoma has raised \$47,932.98 to date.
- iii. Events were successful in bringing people together and building awareness of ways to contribute.

### II. Staff Association Updates

#### a. Distinguished Staff Award (DSA) update, Sheri Burden, Elections Chair

- i. Request for additional nominations. Nominations catalyst closes March 20, 2015 at 5:00pm.

#### b. Treasurer's Report, Galen Guffy, Treasurer

- i. Current balance is \$757.42.

- ii. The balance includes the recent support the UW Tacoma Staff Association received from the Professional Staff Association at the amount of \$500. In the past the award has been used to support staff association events and memorial scholarships.

III. Leadership updates, Bill Kunz, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

- a. President search: Ana Mari Cause serving as Interim President. UW Board of Regents is meeting to discuss the timeline for the search for the next President.
- b. Chancellor Mark Pagano will start at UW Tacoma on Monday, March 16, 2015.
- c. VCAA search: The search committee is preparing to conduct airport interviews. No on-campus interviews have been planned yet. The search firm, Diversified Search, for the VCAA position is the same firm used for the Chancellor search.
- d. Plans for filling the Institute of Technology and Education director positions are in progress.

IV. Discussed last quarter's events and showcased the Staff Association Facebook page.

V. Upcoming Winter Quarter Event: Cookie Social, March 20, 2015 from 1:00-2:30pm in the Columbia Bank Lobby in William Philip Hall.

VI. Campus Smoking Policy, Dave Leonard from Occupational Health & Safety

- a. Presented on the current WAC and the UW policy. UW follows rules governed by WAC 478-136-035 in setting smoking policy. The aim is to minimize second hand smoke.
- b. Smoking is prohibited on campus except for in designated smoking areas.
- c. UW Tacoma plans to improve signage around campus and increase awareness.
- d. New signs will explicitly include vapers/e-cigarettes with the same restrictions