



# Staff Senate News

May 2012

## Dates to Remember

**May 9, 2012** Full Staff Senate Meeting, Union Senate Chambers, 1:15 to 3pm

**Jun 30, 2012** Spring Thaw Facebook photo contest closes

## Agenda for the next Meeting

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approve Apr. Minutes  
Approve May. Agenda
- III. Administration Reports
  - a. VP of Admin, Mark Collins
  - b. Associate VP of HR, Laura Alexander
- IV. Guest Speaker  
HR
- V. Officer Reports
  - a. President Frank
  - b. V.P. Logue
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Liaison Reports
  - a. ASUW
  - b. Faculty Senate
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Open Forum

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- Points to Ponder from the April Senate Meeting:
  - Thanks to Laramie businesses and UW agencies for contributing to Staff Recognition Day. Thanks to Staff Senate members for contributing their time and efforts to make the event a success.
  - At the Staff Senate meeting on April 11, Mark Collins, Associate VP Operations, noted that UW has been asked to prepare a 4% budget reduction plan for the 2014 fiscal year (starting in July 2013). Subsequent news reports have revised this number to an 8% budget reduction. Mr. Collins noted that the recently approved tuition increase can be directed to cover budget shortfall, although it will not cover a 4% budget reduction. Salary increases are unlikely to be proposed until the next biennium.
  - Nancy Fox, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, reported several resources are available on the EHS website, including a detailed Emergency Response Plan, emergency contacts, safety procedures, accident and incident report forms, and information about Biological Safety, Chemical Safety, Occupational Health and Safety, Radiation Safety, and Regulated Materials Management. Look for a handy emergency contacts and procedures guide to become available to staff soon from EHS.
- See the attached copy of the *unofficial* minutes if you would like to read them.
- Please submit your best photo that represents the theme “Spring Thaw” on our [Facebook page](#). The deadline is June 30th.
- **Did you know...?**
  - You can purchase meat from the [UW Meat Lab](#) with a payroll deduction, check or credit card. Click the link above for more information.
  - You can receive discounts from some cell phone carriers for working at UW. Verizon provides an 18% discount by filling out [this form](#).
  - You can take one class at UW, up to 6 credit hours for free by filling out a [tuition waiver](#).
  - That there is a summary of all benefits on the [HR website](#).