Points to Ponder
In our regular Points to Ponder news feature, we bring you administrative updates that were shared with us during our monthly Staff Senate meeting.

Satellite Energy Plant
As you know, the University has been planning the construction of a satellite energy plant to support the new facilities that have been added on the west end of campus. According to Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Theobald, plans for the facility have been finalized and construction will begin soon. The site has been moved to the west side of Lewis Street adjacent to the Anthropology Building. As a result approximately 30 parking spaces in the Anthropology Lot will be displaced.

Campus Master Plan and Housing Plan
One priority for the division of Finance and Administration is to develop a campus master plan to guide future construction and development on campus. In addition, the student housing situation is a pressing issue, and developing a plan to guide the process of replacing current student housing is also of primary importance. The Division of Administration is currently working to develop both plans so that they can be implemented together.

The current recommendation for student housing would place new student housing on the west side of 15th street, spanning from Lewis to the College of Business. This would require the removal of Wyo Hall along with several parking lots. A part of this proposal is to construct a new parking structure in the location where the police department is currently housed.

Parking and Transit Study
The University is currently conducting a parking and transit study to determine the needs of campus and produce recommendations for future planning. The study team recently deployed a survey soliciting feedback from the campus community. Staff Senate encourages you to complete the survey.
Ask A Question
Got a question about the University of Wyoming or your employment here? Send your question to us at staffsen@uwyo.edu, or use our survey form.

QUESTION: “When I put together the marketing budget for my unit I didn't realize that the logo's were going to be changing this year. This is going to be very costly for us as we'll have to replace all our recruiting materials (floor display, tablecloth, promo items, etc.) and my budget can't absorb this cost. Will there be a fund available for departments that have to start from scratch now that their logo isn't allowed?”

ANSWER: According to Chad Baldwin, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing, there is no fund available for this purpose. However, there is also no expectation that units will immediately replace costly items containing unit logos. Baldwin says "we simply ask that they retire items with old logos as soon as is practicable."

For more information on the current marketing campaign and recently updated brand standards, visit the Institutional Marketing website.

Know Your Senator: Jennie Hedrick
Jennie Hedrick is Student Advising Coordinator in the Peter M. & Paula Green Johnson Career Center in the College of Business. Jennie was born and raised in Wyoming, although all of her family is from Colorado and both of her parents are CSU alumni.

Jennie enjoys the openness and quiet that comes with living in Wyoming. She also enjoys binge-watching a good Netflix series, independent films, and Judge Judy. Jennie says I" know it sounds like all I do is watch TV, but I promise I do other stuff too."

When asked what her goals are for Staff Senate, Jennie says "I would like to see staff members get a seat at the table."

Did you Know
Staff Scholarships
Staff Senate was excited to award the first UW Staff Scholarships this fall semester. Five staff members were selected to receive scholarships. They are:

- Rachel Alexander in Library Technical Services
- David Fonda the College of Business
- Andi Kelly in Student Media
- Gary Rutkowski in Custodial Services
- Lynn Wheat in Chemistry

We will begin accepting scholarship applications for spring 2019 in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for application information.

Responsible Employees and Title IX
The University of Wyoming is required to respond to all reports of sexual misconduct, civil rights discrimination, and workplace violence in the most appropriate manner. At UW, all employees are considered responsible employees for Title IX reporting except those who have been designated confidential employees. Responsible employees are required by law to notify the Title IX Coordinator of misconduct. If you have questions about reporting or would like more information on the duty to report, please visit the EEOR website.

Staff Professional Development
Staff Senate was recently asked to provide feedback on staff professional development opportunities at UW. Providing opportunities for professional development and career advancement is a goal in the current UW strategic plan. In order to provide quality feedback, Staff Senate conducted a survey and produced a report on the results. Members of Staff Senate recently met with representatives from Academic Affairs, Human Resources, and Information Technology to discuss the survey findings. We will continue to work with campus administration to improve staff opportunities and access to professional development. To view the survey results, click here.

Upcoming Events
2018 Holiday Market
Staff Senate is pleased to be coordinating the Holiday Market this year on November 30th. President Nichols is granting two hours of release time for UW employees to attend the market.

Holiday Food Drive
Once again, Staff Senate will hold a holiday food drive to assist those University employees and their families that may need a little extra help during the holidays. We will begin collecting food donations the week after Thanksgiving Break. Stay tuned for more information on the 2018 food drive.