

Staff Newsletter

February 2020

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE UPDATE

On February 4th and 5th, the UW Presidential Search Committee met on campus and interviewed ten or so quarter finalists via Zoom. After two full days of interviews they narrowed the list down and submitted their choices to the Board of Trustees. On February 12th and 13th, the Board of Trustees met to interview semi-finalists in person. Faculty Senate Chair Ken Chestek and Staff Senate President James Wheeler were invited to participate in the process. The finalists have been selected and include Gregory W. Bowman, dean of the West Virginia University College of Law; Edward Seidel, vice president for economic development and innovation for the University of Illinois System; and Daniel M. White, chancellor of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The schedule for [public meetings can be found here](#). The first forum is on Monday, Feb. 24th.



Staff Senate invites you to ask any question about the University of Wyoming or your employment here. We will do our best to discover the answers from the experts on campus and publish them in the staff newsletter.

You can [email](#) your questions or [use our survey form](#).

Question:

Staff Senate has received several questions relating to the payment of overtime.

Answers:

- If you are a salaried benefited employee with two separate jobs on campus, you need to ensure you're logging time for the correct position and have the correct supervisor approve any overtime. Also, once you've entered your time, select "Save and Close" instead of "Submit" during the two week pay period in question.
- Payroll employees are entering times manually so it can get processed, but it does result in a longer lag time before overtime is paid out.
- Taxes on overtime pay will be accounted for during the year it was paid, not necessarily the year it was earned.
- As of January 23rd, Payroll has paid all overtime they are aware of.



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DID YOU KNOW?

In November 2019, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 1,233 acres of land adjacent to UW's Jacoby Golf Course that would be the site of the Pilot Hill Project.

The Pilot Hill Project aims to protect critical wildlife habitat areas as well as a portion of the Casper Aquifer, a primary drinking water source for many Albany County residents. The project will also work to expand public recreation opportunities in the area, in part with the addition of non-motorized trails.

- [Find more information on the Pilot Hill Project here.](#)
- [Provide feedback and comments on the project here.](#)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PERSONNEL

Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal reported on personnel changes and additions in Academic Affairs. New to the department is Taylor Campbell, an Office Associate in the front office along with Stephanie Stark, a member of the Finance Team. Provost Miller is currently on family leave. While she is out, VP Benham-Deal acknowledged that the most efficient way to reach out to their office would be to contact the following staff members based on your specific needs:

- Abbie Connally for financial matters (abbie.connally@uwyo.edu)
- Aneesa McDonald for personnel matters (aneesamc@uwyo.edu)
- Justin McDonald for IT matters (mcduck@uwyo.edu)
- Mandy Gifford for everything else (mandyj@uwyo.edu)

The following searches are in progress:

- Dean of Engineering
- Dean of Arts & Sciences
- Dean of the Haub School
- Replacement for Associate Vice Provost Anne Alexander who is moving to the College of Business as a faculty member.

LIAISON REPORTS

The International Advisory Council reported new partnerships with the University of London and the University of Glasgow. There is ongoing work renewing partnerships with other international universities for student abroad opportunities as well as expanded efforts in recruiting international students. They are also working on a response to the Campus Climate Survey results.

The No More Committee reported that 40 staff members participated in the recent Green Dot training with more phases planned for roll out in the future. They are also working on hiring a full-time Preventionist.



KNOW YOUR SENATOR

Elizabeth Traver
Hydrology Lab Manager

Elizabeth Traver, known as ET, is the Hydrology Lab manager of SSHL (Surface and Sub-surface Hydrology Lab) located in the Ag Building. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Soil Science and Ecology, looking at soil microbial community changes at a retreating glacier in the Wind River Mountains. ET grew up in the East, but loves the wide open spaces and feels like Laramie is home. She

has worked at a number of different occupations from landscaping to business management, from Virginia to Antarctica. She loves being outside and teaching skiing and snowboarding at Snowy Range. She also loves traveling and has now visited 51 countries. ET has served on Staff Senate before and is glad to be back. Participating in Senate is a great way to do things for the staff community and to be involved in how the University sees and treats staff. She believes Staff Senate plays an important role as a voice for staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

● March Staff Senate Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th, 1:15PM
Senate Chambers in the Union

● Staff Recognition Day

March 24th, Doors Open 9:30AM
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

GET YOUR STAFF RECOGNITION DAY RAFFLE TICKETS! ([Click Here](#))

