

Staff Conference Annual Report Highlights

July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017





Our Mission

The mission of Staff Assembly is to provide a forum for communication that enhances the work environment and values the ideas of all staff. We are committed to represent the interest and concerns of the Staff Conference to the president, administration, and other members of the university. We are dedicated to promoting staff involvement both on campus and in the community, providing opportunities that enrich staff experiences, and encouraging a positive campus climate of support and respect among peers. The Staff Assembly fosters the mission of the university and serves to continue to make Winthrop University the best place to work.

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Standing Committee Highlights



Elections & Nominations

- ◉ Chair: Becky Best; members: Kamal Rai
- ◉ 2 re-elected members: Kelly McGinnis and Julia Fockler
- ◉ 7 new members: Penny Cotter; Amanda Hackney; Kirk McSwain; Jessica Cassel; Wes Love; Kaye Burks; and Alicia Marstall

Current Staff Assembly Representation

Division	Name	Term Ends	Officer
Academic Affairs	Maria D'Agostino	June 30,2018	Chair
Academic Affairs	Amanda Hackney	June 30, 2019	
Academic Affairs	Susan Sauvigne	June 30, 2018	
Access& Enrollment Management	Julia Fockler	June 30, 2019	Parliamentarian
Athletics	Kelly McGinnis	June 30, 2019	Secretary
Athletics	Penny Cotter	June 30, 2018	
Finance and Business	Becky Best	June 30, 2018	
Financeand Business	Jessica Cassel	June 30, 2019	Historian
Finance and Business	Wes Love	June 30, 2019	
HR, Employee Diversity and Wellness	Kaye Burks	June 30, 2019	
Institutional Advancement	Lori Tuttle	June 30, 2018	
Office of the President	Kirk McSwain	June 30, 2018	
Student Life	Alicia Marstall	June 30,2019	
Student Life	Jackie Concodora	June 30, 2018	Treasurer
University Relations	Nicole Chisari	June 30, 2018	Vice Chair



Media and Communications

- Chair: Summersby OkeyHamrick; members: Maria D'Agostino, Tracy Holbert, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Kat Wilson, and Whitney Hough
- New Staff Stuff content included a monthly “WU Reviews” column, in which staff members recommend books, restaurants, etc., and a committee corner for updates
- Published 8 editions mentioning and/or picturing 374 staff members



Professional Development

Staff Professional Development Conference

More than 140 staff members participated in the one-day event.

TLC session on Microsoft 365

Hosted on January 6, with standing room only

Wake-Up Fridays

Hosted by Dacus Library and the Louise Pettus Archives

- Chair: Goldie Gildehaus; members: Nicole Chisari, Brittany Neely, Brittany Pigford, LeeAnn Pounds, Cassandra Wright, Alicia Marstall, and Lindsay Voegele

Chair: Pam Varraso; members: Jessie Williams



Campus and Community Involvement

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

Nearly 1,000 Winthrop staff, faculty, and students visited the Staff Conference table at 2 Food Truck Friday events.

PINK OUT DAY

COME SEE ME

Approximately 500 Winthrop affiliates visited the Staff Conference table at this city festival.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

FOOD DRIVES

More than 2,400 pounds collected for Project Hope.



RECOGNITION



Chair: Miranda Knight; members: Niki Behr, Michele Smith, Clarissa Elmore, Amanda Marshall, De Wells, Kara Traverse, and Jen Fricke



Staff Members of the Month

July 2016

Pam Gillette

**August
2016**

Ramona
Kundl

**September
2016**

Daphne
Sears

**November
2016**

Monica
Bennett

**December
2016/January
2017**

Brittany
Pigford

**February
2017**

Carolyn
Sumner

**March
2017**

Patricia
Boler

April 2017

Joan
Hetherington

May 2017

Roberta
Daniels

June 2017

Jessica
Martin

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Milestones



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- Professional Development Committee offered first Staff Professional Development Conference on June 13
- Links were added to the Staff Conference website displaying Staff Members of the Month and a calendar featuring staff-related events
- Staff Conference Chair welcomed new students at Convocation
- Members approved changes to the bylaws, including creating the new position of treasurer and changing the number of assembly representatives from 13 to 15



Guest Speakers

- President Dan Mahony
- Chris Johnson, sustainability coordinator
- Shannon Smith, benefits and wellness program manager
- Walter Hardin, associate vice president for facilities management
- Kimberly Faust, chief of staff and Board of Trustees secretary
- Katie Price, director of marketing
- LeeAnn Pounds, employee relations manager
- Tina Vires, program director for the Office of Accessibility
- Meg Webber, vice provost for academic affairs
- Frank Zebedis, chief of police



Topics Covered

- ◉ Fair Labor Standards Act
- ◉ University budget measures
- ◉ Campus lighting and crosswalk safety
- ◉ WU Alert system
- ◉ Retirement system
- ◉ Global Learning Initiative impact report
- ◉ Board of Trustees overview
- ◉ Cybersecurity awareness training
- ◉ Intra-campus communications work group update
- ◉ New virtual tour and rebranding overview
- ◉ Therapy animals on campus



Staff Engagement

Invited to position search committees for:

- the deans of the College of Business Administration and Visual and Performing Arts
- vice president for institutional advancement

Sat on committees for:

- Faculty/staff campus events
- Strategic plan
- Intra-campus communications
- Board of Trustees committees



**Thank you for all
that you do.**

