Division of Student Affairs
2009-10 Annual Report
Division Accomplishments by University Initiative

Initiative 1: Increase national recognition for WSU’s teaching excellence and leadership in the areas of undergraduate research, service learning, community involvement and student engagement.

- WSU and the Community Involvement Center again received the Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Award given by the President of the United States.
- WSU Club Sports had a successful year including the Men’s Soccer Team clutching the Club Sports National Championship on November 22, 2009. Other highlights include the following: the Baseball Club won the Northern Pacific Regional Championship and qualified for the NCBA World Series; the Bowling Club had two Academic All-Americans, and Rick Lilly won a gold medal in the World Transplant Games for Team USA; the Rodeo Club Women’s Team won Regionals and are currently ranked third in the nation; and finally four men on the Wrestling Team qualified for nationals.
- WSU held the second annual Deliberative Democracy Day event dealing with access to education. Over 160 students attended the program which was collaboratively planned by the Department of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), the Provost’s Office and the American Democracy Project. The American Democracy Project is a national program run by Stanford University, and WSU received recognition for the success of our Deliberative Democracy Day program and was featured in the monthly newsletter of the organization. SIL also co-sponsored the Times Issues Forum, a bi-weekly speaker series dealing with current issues and articles found in the New York Times.

Initiative 2: Revise master plan for the Ogden campus; secure funding for new construction at WSU Davis and the acquisition of new property.

- A new living and learning village has been master-planned, and construction has begun on the first of three new residence halls that will add approximately 300 bed spaces, bringing the total on-campus housing inventory to 1,000 beds by 2013.

Initiative 3: Foster enrollment growth which moves the university toward its vision of 26,000 students in 2030.

- In support of the Dream Weber Initiative, staff from Student Affairs and Academic Affairs developed “FAFSA February,” which included two special “College Goal Saturdays.” This was an effort to invite under-represented
potential students and their parents to campus to complete the financial aid application and receive college resource information.

- WSU in collaboration with the Ogden School District and various community partners hosted the Northern Utah Family Empowerment Conference on March 27, 2010. The conference focused on the importance of empowering parents and the community in the role they play in a child’s education.
- The 15th Annual Multicultural Youth Conference, designed to encourage ethnic minority high school juniors and seniors to pursue higher education and attend WSU, was held in October 2009. This year’s successful conference attracted 414 high school students from 29 high schools.
- The Education Access and Outreach Department initiated efforts to expand high school outreach within Weber/Davis school districts. College outreach advocates worked with 128 high school students from local target high schools (Roy, Bonneville, Clearfield, Northridge, Layton, and Box Elder).

Initiative 4: Enhance academic, student development and support services to retain students through graduation; develop innovative strategies to meet the needs of diverse learners.

- Shepherd Union Convocations sponsored many renowned speakers including Barry Clifford, Nicholas Kristof, James Dashner, Julian Bond, and Matt Roberts. All convocation programs were partnered with academic programs for classroom visits, master classes, and workshops.
- Career Services introduced the “Pathways to Success” program. This program is designed to help students identify their ideal career choice, declare a major earlier, and become better prepared for post-graduation success.
- The Division of Student Affairs hosted a Student Services Fair on October 3 with the theme of “Midterm BluesFest.” This event was designed to familiarize students with the variety of services available throughout the university.
- In collaboration with the TERM project, the Math Tutoring Center moved all drop-in developmental math tutoring to Lampros Hall, now called “The HUB.” All students enrolled in developmental math courses are required to have one hour of tutoring per week, so the math tutors are embedded in the course curriculum and now see every student enrolled in developmental math.
- The Epiphany Literary Journal, designed for nontraditional students, was published for the first time this year with Fall and Spring editions.
- Within the Volunteer Involvement Program in the Community Involvement Center (CIC), 2085 students logged 20,398 hours of service, a 20% increase over last year. In addition, two volunteer fairs were held during the year. The CIC is now providing mentoring and tutoring with the Boys and Girls Club that is housed at the Marshall White Center.
- The Division of Student Affairs established an International Advisory Council (IAC), which includes representatives across campus working together on international issues at WSU. The group is seeking to collaboratively solve issues as they relate to international students, and the internationalization of
our university. The IAC will provide vision and coordination for various international efforts among WSU entities.

- On March 4, the Saudi Arabian Student Club at WSU held a day long activity in the Student Union for more than 400 students, faculty, and staff. The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission Attaché and the Saudi Arabian Social and Cultural Affairs Director both flew in from Washington, D.C. to speak at the evening banquet.
- WSUSA Senate, in conjunction with Sodexo Dining Services, began a new program at WSU called Weber Cares to help students dealing with financial issues. Weber Cares allows students the opportunity to have a free meal or to buy items in the convenience store up to $10.
- The WSU Student Association created three new Vice President positions which were approved in student elections in March 2010.
- The Student Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT), chaired by the Dean of Students, has entered its second year of service. The team meets regularly to discuss students of concern. The SAIT has proven to be an effective method to identify, assess, and respond to troubling student issues at WSU. The SAIT recently attended a webinar on threat assessment as part of their ongoing effort to stay abreast of developments in the area of behavioral intervention teams.
- An initiative for the Dean of Students Office to serve as an academic dishonesty clearinghouse continues to gain momentum. Efforts to further advertise the program have been successful in increasing the frequency and number of reports of cheating on campus.

**Initiative 6:** Extend the high-quality offering of WSU Online and WSU’s hybrid-delivery programs using leading-edge technology.

- Klint Holmes (WSU student) and Chip Coleman, Student Affairs Technology Systems Programmer, developed the first active WSU Apple iPhone/iPad application for the Open Student Computer Labs. This application enables people who download it to see information about each lab and offers current usage stats to enable a person to find a lab with available computers.

**Other Division Accomplishments**

- WSU Summer Conferences had more than 4000 guests and raised more than $800,000 during the 2009 conference season and over $1 million throughout the fiscal year.
- The Student Affairs Division implemented a program review process in the Summer of 2009. Five departments have completed review processes this year.
- A new scheduling system was purchased for the Scheduling, Events, and Conferences Department. This will allow for faster and more accurate scheduling, and provide a platform for all-university event calendaring.
- The Women’s Center celebrated its 30th anniversary on March 26, 2010.
• The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, part of the Department of Defense, selected WSU as one of Utah’s outstanding institutions in providing exceptional support and commitment to employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. Carey Anson, Student Affairs Computer Lab Coordinator, was recognized by one of his lab aide’s to represent WSU at an event recognizing employers at Joint Lewis-McChord Base in Washington State.

• The TRIO Programs at WSU hosted the 2010 state conference for the Utah Chapter of ASPIRE (Association of Special Programs in Region Eight). All TRIO personnel at WSU worked to organize this conference, and the state President, Yvette Rosenberg, and President-Elect, Lindsay Beddes, both of WSU, co-chaired this event.

• In May 2010, the Student Health Center implemented an Electronic Medical Records System. This system will allow for increased ease of visits for students, maximizing provider time for seeing students, and data gathering to enhance services for students.