Division of Student Affairs
2009-10 Annual Report
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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 Davis Student Programs set a Guinness Book of World Records for the game of Red Light/Green Light. This event was attended by 100 people.
- 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 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.

- The Student-to-Student Outreach program held the 4th Annual Summer College Summit from June 23-26, 2009. In all, sixty-two high school juniors and seniors took part in the four-day event.
- 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.**

- **Of the 129 high school seniors participating in Educational Talent Search, 91% have applied for admission to college. These students have received more than $180,000 in scholarship dollars.**

- **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).**

- **GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), a pre-college program currently targeting under-represented junior high students and their families, has partnered with Ogden School District to develop the “Parents to Higher Education” Initiative, which includes field trips for under-served parents to visit WSU and other higher education institutions.**

- **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 Community Involvement Center has begun a mentoring program at Gramercy Elementary School in the Ogden School District. The program features tours of WSU to assist inner-city children to pursue a path to higher education. The Environmental Committee has also visited elementary schools in the Weber School District in order to educate and encourage recycling.**

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

- **The 5th Annual Wildcat Block Party was held on August 28, 2009. More than 155 program and service booths served more than 9000 students.**

- **Services for Students with Disabilities had sixteen students participate in paid summer internships through the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities.**

- **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.

On January 15, 2010 the 10th Annual Gospel Music Festival was held on campus with approximately 1200 people in attendance. Three days later the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast and March were held in partnership with the Ogden branch of the NAACP and the Marshall White Center.

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.

WSU Student Wellness Program created and maintained a Student Wellness internship program in partnership with faculty and students from the Human Performance and Health promotion program.

The WSU Student Association created three new Vice President positions which were approved in student elections in March 2010. More than 1450 votes were cast in the student body elections.

More than 400 students attended the 3rd Annual Stress Awareness Fair sponsored by the Counseling and Psychological Services Center on April 6, 2010.

Student involvement in club sports is up 18% and participation in drop-in swimming is up 93%. According to the 2010 NIRSA Campus Recreation Benchmarking survey at WSU, 76% of students reported that they believe their participation in campus recreation has increased or improved their academic performance.

Participation in the Career Center’s Graduate School Fair increased more than 30%, from 72 to 94 graduate schools from across the nation represented.

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.

Student Affairs Technology has enabled students to access open student computer lab printers from their personal laptops.

The Epiphany Literary Journal, designed for nontraditional students, was published for the first time this year with Fall and Spring editions.

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program added Introduction to Chemistry and American Sign Language to the list of Supplemental Instruction courses while American Government courses were dropped because of lack of attendance. SI currently offers more than 30 courses each semester including Chemistry, Zoology, Health Sciences, Philosophy, Anthropology, History, Nutrition, and Microbiology.

Tutoring is at the end of a four year NADE (National Association for Development Education) certification process. The goal is to have data
analyzed and to submit the application for certification by the end of the 2010 calendar year.

- 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.

- Four leadership courses that will be taught out of the Department of Student Involvement and Leadership received two years of approval from the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee. These courses will be a part of a Leadership Certificate, which is pending final approval from Faculty Senate.

- Due to expansion of the TERM project, the Lampros Testing Center is moving to newly renovated space in the Shepherd Union. Computers available for testing will increase from 27 to 41.

- WSU Testing Centers have collaborated with Continuing Education to develop Paper-Chi, a paper based companion and expansion of Chi-Tester.

- The Division of Student Affairs has initiated a staff and student development program focused on StrengthsQuest. More than 3000 students and 80 staff have participated in the program.

- Veterans Services collaborated with Career Services and Zions Bank Corporation to provide job opportunities for veterans. This initiative will continue in 2010-11.

- The “Safe Zone” Program organized by Erik Ashby, WSU Davis Student Programs Coordinator, has connected with the Ogden OUTreach organization and the Ogden PFLAG group while working with the WSU Gay Straight Alliance student organization to expand the Safe Zone program and provide additional services for students.

- 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.

- Services for Students with Disabilities co-sponsored an event entitled “Yes We Can” on February 19, 2010 with People First, which is a committee under the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council. This event encouraged self-advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities. The keynote speaker was WSUSA President Tyler Latham.

- Student Involvement and Leadership staff began a program of GPA monitoring for students in leadership roles on campus. With continual monitoring, and grade checks similar to those used by Athletics, the number of students lost due to GPA issues within the department dropped by 60% from last year.

- Student Involvement and Leadership planned and implemented a new program for Emerging Leaders where students are set-up in “Success Teams” that meet weekly to review goals and help students achieve those goals. Students who participated in the teams reported greater satisfaction attending WSU, and also
reported their GPA improved due to the encouragement of their peers in the team.

- The Student Affairs Division allocated more than $420,000 in student tuition waivers to attract and retain students involved in Division leadership and learning opportunities.
- A Student Affairs Leadership Task Force compiled an inventory of all formal leadership opportunities available to students at WSU. The next step is to more broadly share this information and explore other ways for students to get involved in leadership roles.
- The Division of Student Affairs sponsored its third annual Student Affairs Academy that educates staff about foundational principles of the student affairs profession. Topics include ethics, legal issues, student development theory, and assessment.
- The Division of Student Affairs has submitted a $20,000 grant application to the CitiGroup Foundation focused on access and enrollment of traditionally underrepresented students in the Ogden community.
- 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 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.

- Two new leadership based courses, EDUC 2920 & EDUC 4920, are taught as hybrid courses utilizing Ning programming. This allows students to post articles and videos, and for students and instructors to have interactive dialogues and discussions on-line.
- 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 Staff Development Committee coordinated seven monthly division meetings and a half-day division-wide retreat for professionals within Student Affairs. These included topics on technology, wellness, leadership, and diversity as well as a student panel and a faculty panel.
• In October 2009, the WSU Campus Recreation Outdoor Program secured a U.S. Forest Service special-use permit allowing WSU to operate a backcountry yurt in Bloomington Canyon in Bear Lake County, Idaho.
• The Women’s Center celebrated its 30th anniversary on March 26, 2010.
• In conjunction with Veterans Day 2009, Veterans Upward Bound planned and held a Veterans Upward Bound Open House to showcase services for veteran students.
• The Women’s Center partnered with the Ogden/Weber Women in Business to implement a “Women Empowerment” conference. More than 125 women from the community attended.
• 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 aides 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.
• The Education Access and Outreach Department, College Participation Committee, the Ogden City School District, and the Ogden/Weber Applied Technical College established the Gateway to Education Alliance with a focus on parents and families in Ogden to more effectively help them find college awareness resources and support.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, RECOGNITION & AWARDS
Jan Winniford, Vice President for Student Affairs, was recognized as a Pillar of the Profession by NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. This award is designed to honor members of the student affairs profession who are seen as individuals of professional distinction.

Carol Merrill, Director of the Women’s Center, was selected by the Ogden/Weber Chamber of Commerce Women in Business for the Athena Award.

Sodexo’s Chef Jackson, was awarded an NAACP Lifetime Community Award for his service and dedication to help people in the Ogden community. He also was selected by the Sodexo Foundation to receive the “Hero” award in recognition for his work helping to provide meals to people in need throughout the Ogden community.

Lynnae Dopp, Coordinator of the Appointment Tutoring Center, was awarded the “Certified Ruby Master Reviewer” for CRLA’s International Tutor Program Certification Committee.

Daniel Turner, Outdoor Program Coordinator, completed the Rock Instructor certification from the American Mountain Guides Association.

Landon Wolfe, Intramurals/Club Sports Coordinator, obtained High School Varsity Sports Official Licenses in football, basketball, and baseball through the UHSAA (Utah High Schools Activities Association).

Kelly Bright, Fitness/Wellness Coordinator, obtained YogaFit Level 1 certification and FitTour Pilates certification.

Adrienne Gillespie, Coordinator for the Center for Diversity and Unity, was awarded the Utah Campus Compact Civically Engaged Staff Award - Spring 2009.

Student Involvement and Leadership staff received the Division of Student Affairs Outstanding Team Performance Award for their coordination of the Utah Leadership Academy, Summer 2009.

Fred Meaders, Coordinator of Shepherd Union Recreation, was awarded the Student Affairs Toni Weight Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Fred was also the recipient of the 2009 Rodie-Keintz Outstanding Staff Mentor Award presented at the ACUI Region 13 annual Conference held at Arizona State University. This award recognizes individuals who are considered encouraging and supportive for new professionals entering a field in College Unions and are considering a student affairs career.

Student Affairs Outstanding Individual Achievement Awards were given to: Chad Mosher, Prasanna Reddy, Amelia Williams, and Dana Gibson.

James Provence, Campus Recreation, and Hamad Alyami, International Student Services, won the Student Affairs Hourly Staff Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Publications

Dianna Abel, Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services Center; Prasanna Reddy, Director of Testing, Tutoring, and Supplemental Instruction;
and Jessica Hickmott, Coordinator of Student Affairs Assessment, co-authored a chapter insert for an upcoming ACPA-sponsored assessment publication.

- Clayton Oyler, Director of Student Affairs Technology, contributed to and was published in two Student Affairs Leadership Council Journals. “Managing IT in Student Affairs Organizations: Strategies for Planning, Prioritization, and Skill Development” and “The Promise and Perils of Technology: 21st Century Strategies for Enhancing the Student Experience.”
- Jessica Hickmott co-authored a book with Marilee Bresciani and Megan Moore Gardener entitled “Demonstrating Student Success” which is a guide to outcomes-based assessment in student affairs.

Presentations

- Jennifer Grandi, Assistant Dean of Students, presented “Creating and Implementing a Mentor Program Designed to Connect Students to the University” at the Fall 2009 NASPA Western Regional Conference in San Jose, California.
- Leslie Loeffel, Davis Learning Center Director; Jan Winniford, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dorothy Hill, Learning Skills Specialist, co-presented “Creating a Staff Development Program: From Innocence to Experience” at the Fall 2009 NASPA Western Regional Conference.
- Carol Merrill, Director of the Women’s Center, provided two workshops at the American Association of University Women and NASPA Conference in Maryland. The topics were: “The Power Game of Leadership” and “The Art of Leadership.” She also spoke at the “Moving Closer to My Dreams” Women’s Leadership Conference in Tallahassee, Florida. The topic was “Leadership Development in a Changing World.”
- Adrian Tinajero, Student-to-Student Coordinator, presented at the Utah-State ASPIRE conference on “How to integrate effective academic support with pre-college programs.”
- Tamara Robinette, Counselor, facilitated a breakout session at the Utah University and College Counseling Centers annual conference in Park City: “Why
doesn’t he listen to me? The hidden impact of learning disabilities on relationships.”

- Dianna Abel co-presented a paper at the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors annual conference in Asheville, NC, entitled “What’s learning got to do with it? Assessing learning outcomes of counseling services.”
- Lawrence Helmbrecht, Counselor, co-facilitated a breakout session with Charles Chandler, Coordinator of Veteran Student Services, at the Utah University and College Counseling Centers annual conference in Park City: “Boots to books: Challenges faced by returning veteran students.”
- Ruth Stubbs, Director of Education Access and Outreach, co-presented at the National GEAR-UP conference on "Education, Catch the Dream: a college-prep curriculum providing a motivational tool to aspire towards a higher education" in July 2009. She also presented at the State Conference for American Association of University Women on "Educational barriers and opportunities for women from under-represented backgrounds" in August 2009 and at the Utah State Conference on College Access and Transition for Utah High School Counselors on "How to effectively serve under-represented populations within the educational system" in August 2009.
- Jessica Hickmott, Student Affairs Assessment Coordinator, co-presented three conference sessions at the NASPA National Conference.
- Brett Perozzi, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, presented at the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) international conference: “Student employment core concepts: literature and data.”
- Adrienne Gillespie, Coordinator of the Center for Diversity and Unity, served as the Hill Air Force Base Federal Women’s History Month Keynote speaker in March 2010 and as a panelist at the American Association of University Women in May 2009.

**Professional Organization Leadership Positions**

- Yvette Rosenberg, Director of Student Support Services, served as President for Utah ASPIRE, the state TRiO organization.
- Lindsay Beddes, Educational Talent Search Program Coordinator, was elected President-Elect for Utah ASPIRE, the state TRiO organization, in October 2009.
- Dianna Abel, Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, assumed a leadership role within the Northern Utah Hope community-based suicide prevention task force. Chairing the QPR committee, Dr. Abel facilitated the adoption of the QPR Program for broad application in the local community, including across campus.
- Claire Hughes served the second of three years as president of the Rocky Mountain Writing Centers Association.
- Ruth Stubbs, Director of Education Access and Outreach, was elected to the Ogden Adult Education Advisory Board.
- Jan Winniford, Vice President for Student Affairs, serves on the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors through 2011.
Jessica Hickmott, Student Affairs Assessment Coordinator, serves on the NASPA Region V Advisory Board as the Utah State Representative. She was also selected to serve on the 2011 NASPA National Conference Programming Committee.

Brett Perozzi, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, was appointed Chair of the International Advisory Board and Coordinator of the International Exchange Program for NASPA.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Shannon Tortolano & Amanda Kwok conducted undergraduate research co-sponsored by the Counseling and Psychological Services Center and the Department of Psychology. Their paper, “Nutrition and mental health in the college age population,” was presented at the WSU Undergraduate Research Symposium and at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association annual conference.

The Weber State Men's Soccer Team won the Club Sports National Championship on November 22, 2009.

The Baseball Club won the Northern Pacific Region Championship and qualified for the NCBA World Series.

The Bowling Club had 2 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 ranked 3rd in the nation.

The following four men on the Wrestling Team qualified for nationals: Ben Harding, Kirk Waldron, William Moulding, Elliott Mart.

A group of students in the engineering program, Tee Ogunnaike, Tyson Tungmala and Derek Larkin, installed a remote operated door opener on Building Four building with input and support from Services for Students with Disabilities.

Five tutors, Derek Stout, Bradley Mack, Allison Scheel, Andrea Kunzler and Kyle Rollins, gave presentations at the regional peer tutoring conference in Denver.

Two writing tutors, Brian Christensen and Andrea Kunzler, were accepted to present at WSU's National Undergraduate Literature Conference. An additional writing tutor, Buck Kolz was chosen as a moderator.

Misty Bell received the Utah Campus Compact Award for Civically Engaged Student.

Jayson Stokes and Belia Alvarado were selected as participants in the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program for 2010-11.