



University Staff Council Newsletter

Issue 4: Spring semester 2019

A Note from the Chair

Hello University Staff,

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year! The 2018 fall semester was great and as the months have gone by we have seen an increase in engagement as more staff members are attending our monthly USC meetings! Our council hopes to see this continue to grow. Thank you for your support and all that you do for the University!

I would like to take a moment and remind you of some of the programs we have going on for university staff this semester:

-It's that time of year for the University Staff Excellence Award! This award is given annually to a member of the University Staff who has shown excellence in performance, personal interaction, initiative and creativity. Nominations for this award are due April 1, 2019.

-The Council has designed the University Staff Professional Development Grant program to offer a grant to a university staff member in order to pursue a professional development opportunity- submit your application for this grant by February 15, 2019. If you are awarded a grant, the council would love to hear about it! I encourage you to attend a USC meeting and share your experience with us.

Thank you,

Devyn Marazes, University Staff Council – Chair

Meetings

The Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm in 325 Graff Main Hall. Meetings are open to all university staff. Come hear what is happening with the council. Remaining spring semester meetings are **March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11.**

Get Involved with USC

Attend a meeting! Get involved by coming to a meeting; talk with your supervisor about office coverage and then just show up! Reach out to a council member if you have questions about the meetings.



Join a committee! Get involved by joining a USC committee. The official call for committee membership will be emailed this summer, but if there is a committee that interests you, feel free to look online and reach out to the committee chair to ask if you can attend their next meeting. *Run for council!* Get involved by running for a seat on the council! **The call for nominations goes out in March and voting will start in April.**

Recap of Fall 2018

University Staff Excellence

The University Staff Excellence Award is given annually to a member of the University Staff who has shown excellence in performance, personal interaction, initiative and creativity. The recipient has supported the university and its mission through positive interaction with the university and the community. Sue Hengel is the 2018 recipient of the



excellence award. Read Sue's story on the [USC webpage](#).

The University Staff Excellence Committee is all about recognition. The committee assists in organizing an annual breakfast to recognize University Staff 5 year milestones and gives an annual award to an exceptional university staff member to recognize the work they do for UWL.

Nominations are open now for the 2019 University [Staff Excellence Award](#)! Deadline is **April 1**.

Fall 2018 USC Showcase: Recreational Eagle Center

Another successful showcase event offered by the USC!



November 8, 2018, the USC sponsored a showcase event of the Recreational Eagle Center (REC) and highlighted the brand new REC addition. Networking, tours, and refreshments took place as participants learned what the REC has to offer for UWL staff and faculty. Door prizes were given out to participants and several free monthly memberships were awarded to those present.



The University Staff Council (USC) Program, Grants and Fundraising committee submitted a request to Rotary Club for participation and helped organize



our involvement this year. This included participation in the iFeed food drive and Rotary Lights set up at the park. USC provided ornaments, and decorated the USC tree.

As part of our involvement with Rotary Lights, we participated in the iFeed food drive, a one-day event where high school Interact members work toward alleviating hunger in the world and in our communities. USC gathered food donations from departments across campus to give to the iFeed event. iFeed and Rotary Lights then makes a sizable donation to our campus food pantry to assist UWL students in need.



Park Entertainment area set up crew - Brandon Harris, Ann Bever, Debra Gerke, Bobbi Webster, Ingrid Iverson

Not pictured: Tom & Leslie Fell family

More Rotary Lights FUN



Tree Decorating -
 Bobbi Webster,
 Ann Bever, Karen
 DeSchepper and
 Megan Stauffacher



USC would like to thank everyone who helped with our involvement with the Rotary Lights community service project and iFeed food drive

Program, Grants & Fundraising Committee: Karen DeSchepper (chair), Brandon Harris, Ingrid Iverson, Susanne Koehler, Megan Stauffacher, and Becky Yoshizumi

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Spring 2019 USC Showcase: CFA



A professional development and networking event focusing on the Center for the Arts is planned for **April 25th**. Watch for details coming soon!

Employee Breakfast & Enrichment Day 2019

Mark your calendar for the annual employee recognition breakfast and for employee enrichment day! Breakfast is planned for Wednesday, **July 18**. Employee Enrichment day is **July 24**. Watch for more details!



Professional Development Grant Update

The pilot program for the USC Professional Development Grant has been a success thus far. We are fortunate to have been able to award \$9,102 to 13 requests. The last round of awards as part of the pilot (April 2019-October 2019) will be announced by March 1. Any remaining money will be awarded during the October 2019-June 2020 cycle. Fiscal year 2021 (July 31, 2020-June 30, 2021) will bring the University Staff Council a base budget with allocations to be used toward Professional Development Grants. Offering cycles and deadlines will be updated. University staff will be notified as updates become available

Information about the [grants](#) can be found on the USC website



Employee Educational Assistance Program

Don't forget we also have the Employee Educational Assistance Program available through the university. Reimbursements are available for job-related and for career-related courses.

According to the data provided to the University Staff Council, the university has paid out or approved a total of \$71,894.61 of which \$27,671 was for university staff during the spring 2018, summer 2018, and fall 2018-time periods.

More detailed information about the program can be found [here](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **University Staff Council meetings:**
March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11
- **Run for Council in March**
-Voting in April
- **University Staff Excellence Award Nominations due by April 1**
- **USC Showcase-Center for the Arts**
April 25
- **Employee Breakfast**
July 18
- **Employee Enrichment Day**
July 24
- **Check University Staff Council Website for Meetings, Grant, Award and Educational Assistance Dates**



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