



September 2015



Vice-Chair's Report

Welcome to academic year 2015-16, I hope everyone spent time rejuvenating over the summer and you're as excited as I am for the new semester. It is an exhilarating time of year with the students returning and new faces at campuses across the state.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Vice Chair of Staff Council for 2015-16. This year marks the beginning of our implementation of Staff Council's strategic plan (R.E.A.L). We will work hard to enhance (R)ecognition of staff excellence, (E)mpower staff to self-advocate through available channels, (A)dvocate for investments in our people and provide (L)eadership within the University of Idaho's governance structure.

Staff Council is a unique way to involve yourself in the happenings around campus and I encourage anyone interested to join us at our general meeting held the second Wednesday from 9 a.m.–11 a.m. in the Idaho Commons Crest room.

Staff Council's Annual Retreat: (This retreat would not be possible without the generous support of departments around campus. Thank you goes out to the Budget Office, who paid for breakfast and donated \$500 to use in FY16 and to Information Technology Services for their donation of \$500 to also be used in FY16. These funds make it possible to provide events and materials to staff around the state.) The

purpose of this year's retreat was to establish steps toward implementation of our [strategic plan](#) along with leadership development. Members were tasked with roles to specifically identify ways to meet our R.E.A.L. goals.

Northern Listening Tour: Staff Council Chair, Greg Fizzell, and I continued the partnership established with Faculty Senate Leadership (Chair, Randy Teal and Faculty Secretary, Don Crowley) to take a listening tour of our northern campuses and extensions. We met with constituents at the beautiful Coeur d'Alene center and toured the amazing University of Idaho Research Park in Post Falls. These locations are spectacular in their own rite and the employees were well-prepared with good questions and ideas for growth in the upcoming year.

Vandal Appreciation Fair: Please come join us at the redesigned event as we open this up to staff and faculty. Vendors around the local area and abroad come out to provide information and gifts in display of their appreciation of the University of Idaho staff and faculty. A free lunch is provided. If anyone would like to help with the appreciation fair, please contact Amber Wilson (ajwilson@uidaho.edu) or Jennifer Baillargeon (jenniferbh@uidaho.edu).

*Sincerely,
Lisa Miller, Vice Chair, Staff Council*



Learning Opportunities

The Professional Development and Learning team is dedicated to advancing the University of Idaho's mission and employee potential by providing and encouraging applicable learning. Go to the [Learning Opportunity Calendar](#) to review workshops that are available to meet your professional learning needs.

Learn more about the signature professional development and learning programs by visiting there website uidaho.edu/pdl_portal or emailing pdل@uidaho.edu.

University of Idaho Golf Course
Announces

Payroll deductible is now available for UI Faculty and staff to buy merchandise and golf passes.

- Minimum purchase - \$300
- Maximum purchase - \$1,500



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Boise

Staff tour at the Hagerman fish station in southern Idaho



The New Law Learning Center in Boise

A considerable number of the staff took a tour led by Lee Dillion. It is up and ready for 2015 students!



Coeur d'Alene



Welcome Nate Lundgren

Nate recently joined the CDA team as our new Lab Coordinator. Nate is a Washington native (Bellingham is his hometown) and a newcomer to the inland northwest. Most recently he worked as a biology lab instructor at Drake University in Iowa while his wife attended Des Moines University. Both Nate and his wife are excited to be back in the west. Nate has a BS and MS from Western Washington University, where his focus was on stream ecology and fisheries. He enjoys human powered outdoor pursuits, especially hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, fishing and Nordic skiing. During a spell of bad weather he'll settle for cooking, sewing outdoor gear, reading and providing a lap for his cat.

Back to School Picnic | August 27



STCU Sponsor and Don Soltmon and Wanda Quinn

Inland Empire Vandal Celebration | August 20

Cindy Haagenson was presented with the Jim Lyle Award recognizing her outstanding contributions and long-term dedication and service to the University and/or the Alumni Association through volunteerism.



Idaho Falls



Welcome Meladi Lanier

Meladi graduated from UI in 2009 with a B.S. Business, emphasis in Human Resource Management. She began her journey at UI as an Administrative Assistant in the office of the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs. Then moved to the Department of Student Involvement and worked as an Administrative Coordinator. Last year, she was asked to fill a vacancy in that office as an Interim Program Coordinator for Leadership Programs and Student Organizations. Meladi worked with over 200 student organizations, providing training and assistance throughout the year, advised the ASUI Funding Board, supervised two Student Coordinators, and planned a Fall Leadership Speaker and facilitated leadership workshops. Meladi's husband was offered a job in Idaho Falls with the Department of Energy, so they moved here at the end of May. She joined the University of Idaho-Idaho Falls team in June as an Administrative Assistant in CAES, working with the UI Associate Director, Tom Wood, and assisting the faculty and students that work out of CAES as well as assisting the UI-Idaho

Falls campus community with whatever needs to be done.

Welcome Student Interns

Tanner Bohman, a Kissimmee, Florida native, has been in Rexburg, Idaho attending BYU-Idaho since Jan 2013 and will graduate this semester. Tanner is studying Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations. He really enjoys finding out how to influence/shape public opinion. For the past year he has worked at the Scroll newspaper at BYU-Idaho as a photographer, photo editor/teacher and content curator (writer). As an intern for University of Idaho-Idaho Falls, he has been working on an article about a new UI-IF student that will be published in the November issue of the Idaho Falls magazine. When he is not working, he enjoys racquetball, ballroom dancing, photography and exploring the outdoors of Idaho.



Sydney Moore is a senior at BYU-Idaho where she is majoring in English with an emphasis on Literary Studies. She is currently working with Bob Fulks, Sara Moore and Debbie McQueen at the University of Idaho-Idaho Falls to write up a comprehensive outline of various proposal processes. She is also using her English background to edit and review proposal documents before they are submitted. After completing this internship and her last year of her undergraduate degree, she plans on earning a Master's degree in American Literature. She hopes to one day teach literature and composition at the university level.

Summer Time Fun

UI-IF sponsored Breakfast for Lunch | June 17



Jen Flynn, Don Patterson, Carol Baldwin and Melinda Lent

Vandal Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser | June 21



Matt and Dana Storms and Carol Baldwin

Alive After Five | Wednesdays May 27 – mid September



Jay Soelberg and Debbie and Bob - August 12



Cheryl Wilhelmsen, Alice Allen, Debbie Caudle, Micheal Gloschat and rain storm - June 10

CALS Picnic in the Park | August 7



Carly Raska address the group and District 4 staff

Idaho Potato Commission Big Potato Truck and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences | August 8 with the Idaho Falls Duck Race



Idaho Potato Commission's Potato Truck and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences handing out potato chips

Check out the new banners
in the parking lot!



Upcoming events

Boise

**Boise City Club Speaker President
Staben | October 15**

Coeur d'Alene

**Game Bus to Moscow | September 3
| bus leaves CDA at 2 p.m.**

Join fellow Vandals on a bus to Moscow for the opening game. Bus departs Coeur d'Alene at 2 p.m. and will return 45 minutes after the game ends. \$20 per person (does not include game ticket). Contact Shelly Robson if you'd like a seat – shellyr@uidaho.edu

**Trail Building Day | September 25 |
Noon - 4:30 p.m.**

The University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene, in partnership with the City of Coeur d'Alene Parks and Recreation Department, is sponsoring a trail building day at Fernan Lake. Sign up by contacting Angie at (208) 664-7013 or asowers@uidaho.edu



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