

Provost Winningham's Faculty Senate Report February 9, 2021

1. **Open Educational Resources.** Open Education Week is right around the corner (March 1-5), and WOU is hosting several OER-related events during the week.

Seyed Shahrokni will demonstrate Open Author, an authoring and publishing platform for Open Educational Resources, where you can create your own educational resources and openly share them with your colleagues or others.

Sue Kunda will present on Creative Commons Licenses and provide information on how to find and use Creative Commons licensed material and how to assign a license to your own work.

WOU is also co-sponsoring Oregon's Open Education Week's keynote speaker, Robin DeRosa, who is a nationally recognized thought leader in open education. She'll discuss open pedagogy and how it contributes to student success and will look at the potential of "open" to help us realign with our core educational mission. Her talk, therefore, is appropriate for staff, faculty and administrators alike.

And lastly, Open Oregon is offering faculty and instructors the opportunity to redesign their course with an open textbook or other open educational resources in just one week and earn a \$750 stipend. The registration deadline is February 22, 2021.

Watch for more information in emails and on the IC Channel.

2. **Degree Completion Outreach.** Since October 2020, Susan Griffin in SSA has contacted an additional 91 students (327 total) to discuss a plan to complete their degree, 21 additional students have graduated (93 total), and 15 additional students are pending graduation or have a plan in place to graduate in Winter 2021. This leads to a total of **108 students** that have graduated or are planning to graduate Winter 2021 since SSA began doing degree completion outreach in January 2020.

3. **Graduate Programs.** Comparing graduate student enrollment from Winter 2020 to Winter 2021, we have seen considerable growth in the majority of our graduate programs. The largest increases include:

- 48.9% increase in M.S. in Education
- 44% increase in the M.A. in Organizational Leadership program
- 29% increase in the M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling program

- 25% increase in the M.A. in Interpreting Studies program
- 23% increase in M.A. in Teaching program

4. **Sponsored Projects Office.** In FY 2020, the Sponsored Projects Office (SPO) helped submit 55 external funding proposals. The proposals were led by 41 different faculty and staff members from across campus and totaled \$19,817,837 in requested funding. WOU proposals had a high success rate of 54.5% and we were awarded \$12,785,285 in external funding, most of which came from federal and state agencies.

In FY 2021, 33 external funding proposals have been submitted so far, totaling \$8,290,654 in requested funds. To date, 10 of these awards have been funded, totaling \$566,974. Compared to this time last year, our submission rate has increased by 32%.

In December, Eric Dickey, SPO's Pre-Award Administrator, offered two popular writing workshops to support faculty and staff in reaching their writing and funding goals. These included a Grant Writing Workshop and a Write-to-Publish Workshop.

On December 1st, SPO welcomed Ashley Schaumburg, our new Post-Award Grant Administrator, to the team. Ashley brings a wealth of experience having previously worked in grant administration at Willamette University and most recently as a contract and financial specialist in The Research Institute here at WOU.

5. **The Research Institute (TRI).** Robyn Lopez Melton, Director of WOU's Center on Early Learning and Youth Development within The Research Institute, was elected in December of 2020 to the Child Care Aware of America (CCAoA) Governing Board. CCAoA is a national organization whose mission is to advance a child care system that effectively serves all children and families in the U.S. As a member of the Board, Robyn has the unique opportunity to provide leadership and influence in the future of CCAoA and the child care system on a national level.