

Student Affairs All Staff Meeting with VP McDonald



If the seas were calm, we would never build a better boat --unknown

Thank you for joining us for our Student Affairs All Staff meeting with Lori McDonald this week. We had 138 staff members in attendance! It was great to see so many members of our team. VP McDonald shared updates from the institution, as well as our continued need to evolve our practices to align with health guidelines.

If you weren't able to join us, you can view the video below, using the password: **StudentAffairs231662.**

[All Staff Meeting Video \(05.07.2020\)](#)

We also hope you'll join us for our next **Student Affairs All Staff Meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m.** Please register below.

[June All Staff Registration](#)

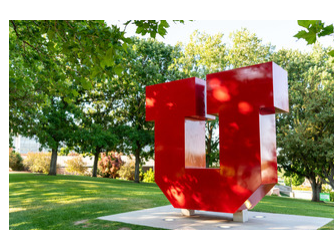
Departmental Leadership

COVID-19 has required creativity and innovation. VP McDonald spent some time interviewing directors to share how their department is supporting students and how they are navigating change. This week, we are featuring interviews with Dr. Mark Pfitzner, Director of the Student Health Center and Dr. Dean McGovern, Director of the Bennion Center.



Student Affairs Staff Hero Award

Nominations accepted through May 15th



Student Affairs would like to recognize the creative and innovative work being done in the division during this unprecedented time. Nominate an individual or team from Student Affairs who have demonstrated these qualities. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, May 15. Four will be selected and will receive a \$250 award! Please click the link below to nominate a hero!

[Nominate a Hero!](#)

New Student Affairs Committees

Many of you are familiar with the [Professional Development Committee](#) (PDC) and the [Student Affairs Diversity Council](#) (SADC). As we shared last week, we have added two additional Division-level committees to promote connections and wellness. This week we are featuring the Social Connections committee.



Social Connections Committee

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by Rachel Aho, Director of Housing & Jason Ramirez, Dean of Students & AVP

The Social Connections Committee helps to encourage and create opportunities for healthy, high-quality relationships among employees within the division and the University. With the goal of supporting holistic staff interactions, this committee will identify staff needs, respond to those needs, and create engaging programmatic opportunities that benefit staff and promote authentic social connections.

As the co-chairs for this committee, we are excited to kick-off efforts to increase these connections! The main reason both of us are interested in serving on this committee is because we enjoy working at a place where we feel professionally and personally accepted. This committee represents an opportunity to do just that and create a staff community that is simultaneously fun, supportive, and true to each of us. We hope you are equally as excited about all that is to come and can't wait to connect with you soon!

Professional Development



Each week, the Professional Development Committee updates professional development opportunities that are available online as well as sponsoring programs by our own talented team. Learn more about what is available or submit an application to share your expertise with your colleges by visting our website: <https://studentaffairs.utah.edu/pdc/index.php>

Join us for "[Document Storage: The What, When, and How](#)" on **Thursday, May 14 at a 11 a.m. with Mike Marcovecchio and Hayden Waters of Network Support.**

With so many options, figuring out where to store documents can be a challenge, particularly when working from home. Some options do not meet FERPA requirements and some cloud options are not secure. Please join us to learn about more about document security.

[Register for Document Storage Presentation](#)

SADC May Seminar

The [Student Affairs Diversity Council](#) (SADC) invites you to join us online on **May 20, 2020 at 12:00-1:30 PM** for May's Diversity Seminar Series "**The Importance of Black Spaces on Campus**" with **Meligha Garfield**, Director of the [Black Cultural Center](#). The link to the online will be shared upon registration. Please register with the link below.



[SADC Seminar Registration](#)

What inspires you?

If you have a quote, poem or other inspiration that speaks to you that you'd like to submit to potentially be shared at an All Staff meeting or in the newsletter, please use the link below.

[Inspiration](#)

In Case You Missed It



Please stay up-to-date on official information from the University of Utah by taking a few minutes to read [@theU](#) each Monday. Here are some highlights in case you missed them.

[University of Utah Commencement 2020](#)

[Project Orange outlines guidelines and timeline for return to campus.](#)

Resources

[COVID-19 Central @theU](#)

[Student Affairs Online](#)

[Student Affairs Remote Work Toolkit](#)



The U's COVID-19 Hotline: (801) 213-2874

RedMed: (801) 213-3303

Work Wellness Center: (801) 581-2227

HR Benefits Team: (801) 581-7447

Something on Your Mind?

As part of our team, we know you have made rapid changes to support the health and wellbeing of not only our campus community but our broader community. Share what's on your mind.

[Tell us](#)

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