

Student Affairs Updates

July 20, 2020

All Staff Meeting Recap

Thank you to all who joined us for our <u>Student Affairs</u> All Staff meeting with VP McDonald, Chief Safety Officer Marlon Lynch and Chief Rodney Chatman. You may view the recording below.

Password: July140680



All Staff Meeting Video Recording July 9th, 2020



Check on your U-Crew

Check out how <u>Student Affairs</u> is checking on our U-Crew.

LGBT Resource Center - Clare Lemke, Director

Housing - Rachel Aho, Director

TRIO - Kyle Ethelbah, Director

SADC Racial Justice and Decolonization Weekly Open Dialogue Series

Every Thursday, Student Affairs Diversity Committee facilitates a virtual dialogue series around social justice, decolonization, racial Student Affairs Diversity Committee Weekly Open Dialogue Series **Racial Justice and Decolonization thursdays @ 1:00-2:00 PM** Zoom link provided with registration at www.sadc.utah.edu

justice, and praxis. Each week focuses on different reading materials to provide leading research and scholarship; tools for personal, professional, and career development; and innovative praxis opportunities for Student Affairs that will actively inform and reshape higher education. A separate invitation to join Canvas for a list of the reading materials and a link to join the series will be sent with your registration.

Next Series: July 16th at 1:00 PM

Racial Justice & Decolonization Dialoge Registration

A Community Conversation: Dialogue on Race and Healing

The purpose of this community conversation is to listen, be heard, and take time for reflection. This is our 3rd Community Conversation this summer and the turnout has been amazing! **Hosted by** the Bennion Center, Black Cultural Center, and Peace & Conflict Studies. **Facilitated by** Dean McGovern, David Parker, David Derezotes, and Holly Johnson.



Monday, July 13th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registrants by 10:00 am on the morning of the event. Be sure to register here: <u>https://forms.gle/dHoC8NRMHyM75fVH9</u>



FROM #BLACKLIVESMATTER TO BLACK LIBERATION by Keeanga Yamahtta Taylor

Anti-racism Reading

Recent coverage of George Floyd's murder and increased scrutiny of police has forced Black Lives Matter (BLM) back into the spotlight and on the lips of almost every person in the United States. One of the most compelling books that I've read related to this topic is "From #Blacklivesmatter to Black Liberation" by Keeanga Yamahtta Taylor. I also got a chance to meet her and yes, of course, I have an autograph copy of this book! Although her book was published in 2016, it is even more relevant today. There are many interesting nuggets of information in her book but she does a great job documenting, describing and troubling the actions of police as it relates to the harassment and killings of black people. She in many ways builds a case and a pattern to show

that the responses of many black political leaders failed to adequately address police actions and the racism that continues in the US. It reminded me of a lot of conversations that crafted the ideologies of a post-racial society and colorblindness. The beauty of her arguments is the grounding she provides in law and many civil rights cases that in many ways were the instruments that created/infused institutional racism in the DNA of the US, and what we now experience in the most pervasive ways due to its structural nature. Her arguments are very compelling and sets up many points for thought around solidarity and the connections to other social identities and movements. The best part of the book is that it lays out ideas for black liberation. Some of which we are in many ways experiencing right now through this new generation of BLM activists. There is so much more in this book but I encourage you to read it because it is powerful, polarizing and compelling! Also, check out her speeches on YouTube.

By Dr. Bryan Hubain, Associate Vice President for Student Development & Inclusion

Series LEVERAGING CAMPUS CONNECT FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT by Ryan Rhodes, Student Organizations Coordinator for Student Leadership & Involvement

Training Tuesday

Where: Zoom



Training Tuesday

The Professional Development

<u>Committee</u> (PDC) invites you to join us for our Training Tuesday series. On **July 14th, at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**, Ryan Rhodes will present, *Leveraging Campus Connect for Student Engagement.* Please register below for the online link. We hope you will join us!

Training Tuesday Registration



Seeking a Student Affairs Representative for Staff Council

The <u>University of Utah Staff Council</u> is seeking one individual to represent the Division of Student Affairs. Staff Council consists of 30 staff members (both exempt and nonexempt) from across campus. They are appointed by the University President for a term of three years, with one-third of the membership rotating off each year. Staff Council was established and is delegated authority by the President of the University to bring to the attention of the administration and Board of Trustees matters of general staff concern. The Council acts in an advisory capacity to the University President and the Board of Trustees.

Bryce Williams, of the Bennion Center, is the President and Jo Scofield from Housing and Residential Education, is the President-Elect. Student Affairs is allowed up to three voting members on the council. To apply, interested individuals must have two consecutive years of employment at the University and an FTE of .75 or greater. For questions please reach out to Bryce Williams or or visit the <u>staff council website</u>. Priority consideration will be given to those who express interest by **Monday, July 20th.**

Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault

The University of Utah released findings from the third administration of the <u>Campus Climate</u> <u>Survey on Sexual Assault</u> that were shared in <u>@theU</u>. You can read the full story <u>here</u>. This survey has been administered through <u>Student</u>



Affairs Assessment, Evaluation and Research for the Office of the Dean of Students, since the initial version in 2016. This year the AER Team, in partnership with UIT's Business Intelligence Team developed dashboards on the findings that you can access here.

COVID-19 Current Campus Phase: Orange

As we prepare for fall, the University of Utah is closely adhering to all public health guidelines. As Salt Lake City remains at an Orange level, so does the University of Utah. When we are able to move to yellow, it will require diligence with maintaining physical distance, the use of face coverings and remote work where possible. Please take the time to review the <u>Return to Campus</u> website to famililarize yourself with the guidelines and resources.



Face Coverings

Human Resources is mailing one face covering to all staff members to add to your personal collection. Look for it in the mail if you have not yet received yours. Face coverings are required for all public spaces on campus.

Remember that before you can return to campus for work, you must complete the required training through Human Resources. It takes less than 10 minutes. You can access this training <u>here</u>.

Weekly COVID-19 Updates with Dr. Good

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health, will be providing weekly updates on coronavirus. You can view this week's information below. Subscribe to stay informed.



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 <u>@theU</u> each Monday. Here are some highlights, in case you missed them.



<u>U Statement on Student and Exchange Visitor Program</u>

Vice Presidential Debate

Plans cancelled for U December Convocations

Conversations for Change with Jason Ramirez

Resources

Return to Campus 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?

Tell us

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What topics would you like to see in SA Updates? <u>Share your ideas!</u>

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