The University of Western Ontario Staff Association

Member Bulletin



December General Meeting

12:00 – 2:00 pm on Wednesday,

December 13, 2023

via Zoom

Please see the November 8, UWOSA Bulletin for details and mark your calendar

2024 Annual

Winter Luncheon

Wednesday,

February 21, 2024

Seating I:

12:00pm – 1:00pm

<u>Seating II:</u>

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Great Hall

Somerville House

Coming Soon

UWOSA Term

2024-2026 Elections

Details to follow in future UWOSA Bulletins



What do you do at Western, and how long have you worked here?

I have worked at Western since July 2005 holding a variety of administrative support roles, I am currently the Administrative Assistant for the Director and Faculty in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders with the Faculty of Health Sciences.

What keeps you engaged when you're at work?

Variety keeps me engaged. Tasks that require utilizing creative and analytical processes and provide the opportunity to interact with people in my area, across Western and the community.

What is the best way for members to contact you?

I can be reached at Ext. 88183 or jgeneau@uwo.ca

If you have any questions about any Article in the Collective Agreement, please contact your Area Steward, or the UWOSA office at info@uwosa.ca. Jacquie Geneau

Steward: Faculty of Health Sciences

What's been happening in your area?

I am relatively new to my current role. I joined the Faculty of Health Sciences to support the Director and Faculty in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders in April. Onboarding new staff, including myself, completing the academic year, preparing, and beginning the new academic year has been the main focus along with planning a few special events.

Why did you become a Steward, and why do you think UWOSA is important?

A few years ago, I personally experienced and benefited from the support of UWOSA. The process allowed for a tip of the iceberg view of some of what UWOSA is committed to providing to its members. I thought it would be a great opportunity as a Steward to meet new staff and learn more about the matters UWOSA deals with to support us as members.

In addition to UWOSA negotiating to protect the benefits we have while striving to enhance and keep Western a competitive employer, I believe UWOSA is important for the reassurance that comes from knowing you are supported in a meaningful way as a union member.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Negotiations Committee would like to thank the membership for providing their feedback by completing the recent membership survey. The Negotiations Committee is reviewing and compiling the responses received, in preparation for upcoming negotiations as our current contract expires as of June 30, 2024.

Stay informed by checking the UWOSA Website for updates by first logging in and then look for the <u>Members</u> tab on the navigation menu and then click on <u>2023-2024 Negotiations Updates</u>

GENTLE REMINDERS

Accident/Illness/ Incident Report (AIIR)

If you fall or have an accident or illness at work, please remember to complete an <u>AIIR form</u>. More details about the AIIR can be found <u>HERE</u>

UWOSA Membership Information Form

If you are new to UWOSA or your contact info has recently changed, please notify the UWOSA office by submitting this form to info@uwosa.ca

Membership Discounts & Special Offers

To view UWOSA discounts, first log into the UWOSA website and select the **Members** tab then <u>Membership</u> <u>Activities & Discounts</u> next click on <u>Discounts & Special Offers</u>. Below are some offers for UWOSA members:

*Budweiser Gardens *Stratford Festival *Columbia Sportswear & more!

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Current Budweiser Garden eligible events for UWOSA members are:

- Disney on Ice
- Christmas Rock Story
- 2024 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour

PLEASE NOTE:

The discount code for our group can **ONLY be used online**

The discount code is case sensitive and must be entered **exactly** as it appears on the UWOSA website under Discounts & Special Offers

ONLY eligible shows including dates and times for our group will appear under the discounted code.

(Disney on Ice - 11 am shows on February 24 & 25, are NOT included as part of UWOSA's Discounted Code)

Congratulations on 25 years of services!



Dawn Bryce Physiology & Pharmacology, SSMD

Ramona Fudge Psychology, Social Sciences

Shannon Neil Animal Care – Western Research

Available

Supports

On Campus

Your friendly UWOSA Office!

TELUS Health - our Employee and Family Assistance

Program (EFAP)

Human Rights Office

Employee Wellbeing

Community Legal Services