

The Byrd's View to Keep You Informed



Hello Staff Member,

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to the Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) last week regarding the proposed ISU 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. Your involvement is the reason why ISU is a great place to work, play, and grow.

All the planning is done and it's almost Showtime for the annual Employee Recognition Luncheons on March 27th (Idaho Falls), 29th (Pocatello), and 31st (Meridian). This year you will notice some changes to the events but hopefully, the tradition and history of the luncheons will still be maintained and more importantly, the lunch will be first class in every way. So don't forget to RSVP for your seat as this year seating will be limited and you don't want to miss out on this annual event.

For those of you who have checked the Staff Council's website on a regular basis, by now you have noticed a few changes that have been made to the site which we hope you are enjoying and has made your visits to the site easier and more entertaining. Special thanks to Joseph Simonson who redesigned the site to be more user friendly and efficient.

As we prepare to bring in the month of March, make sure you are ready for Spring Equinox which will occur on March 20, 2017. Spring is the season for dormant things to rebuild and for us, it's a time to re-connect and get outside and do some things that we have put off for months during the winter. Simple things like taking a short walk around the Quad or Cadet Field, or visiting a colleague in another department across campus, whatever you do - spring is the perfect time to be outside longer. Why is that you ask? Well that's because on March 20th this year, the days will be close to 12 hours long so who wants to miss out on doing something outside if the sun is looking for you for almost 12 hours to do something. So go ahead and take a walk around the campus and say hello to a staff member working on the grounds crew and see what they are planting this season. Or stop by the Housing Department and see what interesting stories they have on what happened during the winter months in the Housing units.

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Dr. James 'Byrd' Yizar
2016/17 Staff Council President

Week of February 28, 2017:

Staff Council News

- Hey, did you decide to run for a representative position on Staff Council? Remember to check out the website for details on how you can get involved.
- Staff Council voted to accept the invitation to have a representative serve on the following external committees - Disability Service and ISU Cares. The following Staff Council members will be serving on those committees – Katherleen Bloodgood, Joseph Simonson, and Eric Mickelsen will serve on the Disability Service committee and Sandra Shea will serve on the ISU Cares committee.
- In the February meeting, it was decided that Internal Committees can meet during the summer months to mostly plan for events or activities that are scheduled at the beginning of the school year. The Staff Council, however, will not have any general meetings during June and July.

Activities/Events Notices

- Remember to RSVP for the Staff Council Employee Recognition Luncheon at your campus site. The dates are Monday March 27 on the Idaho Falls campus, Wednesday March 29th on the Pocatello campus, and Friday March 31st on the Meridian campus.
- Visit the events calendar at <http://www2.isu.edu/calendar/> to see list of other university events for the rest of the month.

Check the Staff Council webpage on a regular basis for Byrd's View to keep you informed and remember you can contact your Staff Council representative to get additional information.