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Staff Accomplishments

- We successfully distributed our first e-newsletter to campus and have received a very positive response. We plan to continue this every other month.
- Our Staff Senate Executive Committee began working on what we call the WCU “Suggestion Box” which is our take on the morale survey done by UNC-Greensboro.
- We revived a program that we had in place called the “Shining Star” program. This program is basically a peer recognition program. Names are submitted and we publicize those names and the accomplishments in our e-newsletter, via email, our website, and our campus newsletter.

Community Service

- We collected 303 food items and 19 household items totaling 273lbs of food during Employee Appreciation Day for “Community Table” which is a local organization that provides meals to people in need.
- We collected \$120.05 for our Staff Senate Scholarship.
- We recently invited a representative from an organization called “Full Spectrum Farms” to meet with us to discuss Community Service opportunities with their organization. This is an operational farm that works with autistic children and is physically located near Western.

Collaboration

- The Faculty Senate chair and I have met regularly and are working on several different projects such as developing a joint budget committee consisting of faculty, staff, and students as well as finalizing our Joint Collegiality Statement.
- We have had Staff Senate representation on our Employee Appreciation Day Committee, Tuition and Fees Committee, Provost Search Committee, Chancellor’s Installation Committee, the Council on Diversity and Inclusion and most recently one of our Strategic Planning sub-committees. All of these consist of faculty, staff, and students.
- Staff employees assisted Human Resources with helping employees