

WCU Organization Descriptions
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<p style="text-align: center;">APSCUF Faculty Union</p>	<p>The Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) is your union. APSCUF represents all faculty, classroom and non-classroom, both tenured and tenure track, as well as adjuncts. The collective bargaining agreement between APSCUF and the State System of Higher Education and the local agreements that govern tenure and promotion assure one of the most fair and transparent evaluation processes at any University. Also bargained for you by your union are regular wage increases, healthcare, dental, and vision benefits, and many other fringe benefits. To learn more about your union or to get your questions answered, go to www.apscuf.org, reach out to your local APSCUF Chapter President, Margaret Ervin, mervin@apscuf.org, or call Monika Mayer at the WCU APSCUF chapter office 610-436-1064. We are here to serve our members.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Athletic Advisory Board</p>	<p>The Athletics Advisory Board serves as a review and advisory body to the President of West Chester University. The Board will work closely with the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Director of Athletics assisting with the development of University’s Athletics Program. It is made up of 7 faculty members, 6 administrators and three students. Each college or schools has one representative on the board who can serve as a “go to” person with questions about athletics and/or student-athletes.</p> <p>The Board is chaired by the NCAA mandated Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), Dr. Craig Stevens who is also the chair of the Department of Kinesiology. The FAR’s responsibilities include overseeing the well-being of student-athletes and acting as a liaison between academics and athletics. Please contact him with any questions or concerns regarding student-athletes and their academic performance.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact</p>	<p>Mission Statement and Goals: The Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact promotes community-based learning experiences that address issues of public concern by building mutually beneficial partnerships and empowering students to be active citizens in their local, national and global communities. To achieve this mission, the Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners with a wide array of non-profit and governmental agencies, faculty, staff, and student clubs, organizations, and athletic teams - Facilitates academic and co-curricular community service and service-learning programs that engage students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members - Disseminates information about service-learning, resources, and professional development opportunities - Consults with faculty to incorporate service-learning opportunities into specific courses and programs of study - Collaborates with all parties to ensure quality learning experiences and positive impact in the community - Manages service-learning data and facilitates assessment <p>If you have any questions, please contact Associate Director, Ella Guimond at eguimond@wcupa.edu.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Committee for Advising Excellence</p>	<p>The Advising Task Force was established in the Fall of 2014 by the Provost to implement the recommendations of the WCU strategic plan. The group comprises members from across the university: faculty representatives from all Colleges; Deans; students; representatives of university offices such as the Registrar and Career Center. It is involved in projects such as advising training, administering advising awards, development and maintenance of the university advising website, and increasing visibility of advising on campus, by attending New Faculty Orientation and other events.</p>

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<p>Committee for Excellence and Learning in Teaching (CELT)</p>	<p>The mission of the Committee for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) includes fostering collaborations among faculty and with students to build a scholarly community around issues of teaching and learning. With members from all areas of faculty and administration, CELT's goals are to enhance curricula and instructional modes to actively engage learners in connecting theoretical and applied knowledge and improve the quality of their learning. Programs sponsored by CELT include Book Discussion Groups, an annual early-summer Workshop on pedagogical topics, and CELT Professional Development Funds for teaching projects (funding up to \$2000.)</p>
<p>Faculty Mentoring Committee (FMC)</p>	<p>Building and sustaining a mentoring culture on a higher education campus has been shown to play a critical role in faculty retention and success. The Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP), established in 2008, is open to all part-time and full-time academic and administrative faculty, as defined by the most recent CBA. The FMP offers three targeted programs to support faculty at every career stage: new full-time tenure-track faculty, faculty desiring to seek promotion, and adjunct faculty. The mission of the program is to foster mentoring partnerships among faculty to enhance lifelong professional learning in teaching, scholarship, and service.</p>
<p>Faculty Senate</p>	<p>The mission of West Chester University's Faculty Senate is to ensure faculty involvement in the shared governance of the institution. A forum for sharing, evaluating, and shaping institutional policies and other matters that affect the welfare of the University, the Faculty Senate is committed to fostering a climate that promotes the growth and development of faculty and students. Elected senators serve three-year terms and include representatives from each college/school, non-classroom faculty, and temporary/adjunct faculty, as well as at-large seats. Elections are held each spring, and many new senators first serve as a designated Senate proxy. All faculty members are welcome to attend Senate meetings, which are held three times per semester (typically on Friday afternoons). For more information, visit https://www.wcupa.edu/FACSTAFF/facultySenate/.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Global Engagement Office</p>	<p>The Global Engagement Office (GEO) was established in 1973. Formally called the Center for International Programs, the GEO provides essential support services for international students, visiting scholars, education abroad, and the National Student Exchange. Students are encouraged to participate in semester or year-long study abroad programs as well as spring break and summer faculty-led programs. The GEO hosts a Study Abroad Fair each fall in Sykes Student Union where students have the opportunity to meet with WCU faculty and study abroad representatives to learn about programs all over the world. In addition, study abroad representatives visit campus during the spring semester. The schedule for these visits is available in the office at the beginning of each spring semester. The GEO assists international students to gain entry to WCU, to serve these students once enrolled and to educate U.S. students globally by fostering opportunities for education abroad and exchange programs. All West Chester University immigration services are provided through the GEO. A variety of services such as immigration advising, programming and orientation are provided for scholars and students from WCU and more than 40 countries.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Honors College</p>	<p>Modeling a commitment to liberal arts and cross-disciplinary education, the Honors College (HC) celebrates outstanding students and encourages them to strive for a high level of academic excellence. We prepare students to become forces for positive change in the co-curricular life of the campus and the broader community through scholarship, service, teamwork, and leadership. We motivate student to develop character and value life-long learning. With the motto, <i>To Be Honorable Is To Serve</i>, Honors is about the business of preparing leaders for the 21st century.</p>

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Information Services & Technology, EdTech & User Services	<p>The West Chester University Information Services and Technology Division (IS&T) is dedicated to serving the University mission in all its elements through the strategic application of information technology. IS&T delivers and supports a variety of systems to the University community regardless of their location or device including communications networks, collaboration tools, software applications, and OneDrive cloud storage. EdTech & User Services consists of the IT Help Desk for staff and faculty, D2L (the learning management system) used by WCU to support online education for faculty and students, Tech Fee which acquires, installs, and maintains technologies, and Multimedia Services (Presentation systems and Video Conferencing rooms).</p>
Office of Digital Learning and Innovation (ODLI)	<p>Office of Digital Learning and Innovation is a centralized office that supports the development, promotion, implementation, and assessment of distance education programs and courses, as well as digital learning at West Chester University. The office works closely with deans, department chairs, and faculty to expand existing distance education programs as well as identify and develop new programs. The office aims to enhance teaching and learning experiences by providing innovative pedagogical and digital strategies to WCU faculty, students, and administrators.</p>

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<p>Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP)</p>	<p>It is the mission of the West Chester University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) to facilitate, coordinate, and safeguard the institution’s research and creative activity enterprise in the interest of supporting faculty as they train students to succeed personally and professionally and contribute to the common good.</p> <p>We provide faculty the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources and assistance with proposal development. • Training and monitoring of research and creative activity compliance. • Opportunities to form interdisciplinary teams. • Opportunities to develop intellectual property. • Opportunities to integrate research and creative activity into coursework. <p>Opportunities to collaborate with undergraduates.</p>
<p>PA State Employees Credit Union (PSECU)</p>	<p>PSECU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative founded in 1934 by 22 ordinary people who wanted better choices for financial services. We’ve grown to more than 400,000 members with over \$4 billion in assets, making us one of the largest credit unions in Pennsylvania. Because you’re a faculty member at West Chester University, you’re eligible to apply for membership and take advantage of our free checking, free Bill Payer service, surcharge-free ATMs, mobile access and more. We also offer low-loan rates for vehicles, mortgages/equities, and credit cards. To learn more and join, visit psecu.com. This Credit Union is Federally Insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender. Equal Housing Lender.</p>
<p>Student Leadership</p>	<p>The mission of SLI is to WCU students with transformative learning opportunities that prepare them to be active global citizens through involvement in student organizations, intentional programming, and interpersonal interactions. Faculty can contribute to this mission by being an advisor to a student organization, nominating or judging annual leadership awards, or being a guest speaker at a conference or program.</p>

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<p>Sustainability Advisory Council</p>	<p>In 2010 WCU became a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining more than 600 institutions in expressing our deep concern about climate change and our commitment to educate students for a sustainable future. The university has made sustainability one of the five pillars of its strategic plan, created an Office of Sustainability, and adopted an ambitious Climate Action Plan that challenges us to make sustainability and climate change part of the educational experience of all WCU students. WCU's Sustainability Council (SC) welcomes the participation of new faculty members as we continue to offer sustainability-related curricular and pedagogical workshops for faculty from all colleges and disciplines. In addition to sustainability in curriculum and research, SC members support sustainability initiatives in transportation, energy consumption, waste and recycling, dining services, campus grounds, and more. The university-wide SC is made up of faculty, students, and staff who are excited to guide and support WCU's sustainability efforts. Please let us know you're joining us in this great work by emailing sustainability@wcupa.edu.</p>
<p>Twardowski Career Development Center</p>	<p>The Career Development Center is the bridge connecting students and alumni to the professional world, introducing them to who they can become. We offer major and career exploration, job and internship search navigation, resume, cover letter, LinkedIn/networking, and interviewing support, as well as facilitate connections to employers. The Career Development Center has a professional staff liaison that collaborates with each College. We invite you to contact our office to connect with your department's liaison and discuss how we can support you and our students' success! Examples of successful faculty collaborations include classroom presentations, career assignments, alumni and employer career panels, employer presentations, and cross-promoting employment and graduate school opportunities.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">WCU Foundation</p>	<p>We engage donors and other partners to drive student success. We secure funding that helps West Chester University students achieve more. In essence, the Foundation is the philanthropic and advancement arm of our University. Through partnerships with the Cabinet, our Deans, Coaches and other members of the University, the Foundation is responsible for a comprehensive advancement program that supports our students.</p>
<p>WCU Library</p>	<p>West Chester University Libraries is comprised of the Francis Harvey Green Library (FHG Library) and the Presser Music Library. Both libraries offer excellent environments for study and research to serve the university’s approximately 15,000 FTE students.</p> <p>The FHG Library consists of six floors and offers a range of seating and meeting spaces for students. Three floors are designated as quiet study space. The floors designated for collaborative work have a variety of seating arrangements – tables with power outlets, booths, informal seating (bean bag chairs/hammocks), workstations designed for group computer use, and 8 group study rooms. Floor maps can be viewed via: https://library.wcupa.edu/floormaps</p> <p>The Libraries website, library.wcupa.edu, provides continually updated access to a wide array of resources and services, including EDS Discovery search, and access to research databases. E-resources are available on and off campus to all current students, faculty and staff. WCU students, faculty and staff have borrowing privileges for library materials. More information and borrowing policies are available via library.wcupa.edu/borrowing.</p> <p>Faculty can also place items on reserve for use by their students. For more information please see: https://library.wcupa.edu/reserves Additionally the University Libraries offer free interlibrary loan service to students and faculty. You can access these services via: https://library.wcupa.edu/ill</p> <p>To identify and contact specific subject specialist librarians please view: https://library.wcupa.edu/ask/subject Subject specialist librarians contribute research expertise and provide library-related instruction to the university community.</p> <p>West Chester University Libraries are committed to serving all members of the WCU community and providing equal access to resources and services. The Libraries will make reasonable accommodations for users with disabilities whenever possible.</p>