

**University Advocacy Committee Report – January 2016**

**Attendees:** Jami Warrick, Nicole DuFour, Phil Jacobs

The Advocacy Committee met January 13, 2016. Discussion topics included the following:

**Staff Mentoring Survey and suggestions for moving ahead:** The committee discussed Margo Griffith's recommendation to work with TED in formulation of groups (forums) that could be a resource for staff to ask questions and seek input from their peers in a variety of work-related capacities (specific work questions, work culture, etc). This would be a separate venture from TED's expert database, which provides a list of subject area experts willing to work with staff. I spoke briefly with Melissa McDonough, a member of the TED team that works within IAB, and plan to follow up with her.

**Exercise/wellness classes for staff:**

The results of the survey that closed on 1/8/16 show that respondents are very enthusiastic about the possibility of attending exercise/wellness classes sponsored by DRAW. Survey results were sent to Kaydee Miller in support of her Healthy Nanooks proposal. I will follow up with Kaydee to see where we are at in regard to class offerings.

**The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016.**