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TWU BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES FACULTY, STAFF PAY INCREASE

The Board of Regents on August 16th, 2013 approved the distribution of a three percent (3 percent) minimum compensation increase to all regular faculty and staff hired prior to July 1, 2013 and employed at the time of payment distribution. The salary increases will be distributed as follows:

Base Salary Increase

The university will increase base salary by 1.50 percent or \$750, whichever is greater, for regular faculty and staff. This base salary portion will be effective on September 1, 2013, and will be reflected beginning with the October 1, 2013 paychecks.

Regular faculty and staff earning \$50,000 per year or more will receive a 1.50 percent increase in their base salary.

Regular faculty and staff earning less than \$50,000 per year will receive a \$750 increase, which is a higher percentage increase than 1.50 percent.

Lump Sum Pay Distribution

The remaining 1.50 percent increase will be issued in a one-time lump sum payment of 1.50 percent for all Regular Faculty and Staff. This one-time lump sum payment will be reflected in the October 1, 2013 paycheck and is not subject to TRS or ORP retirement deductions.

All regular full-time and regular part-time faculty and staff will receive the base salary pay increase and the one-time lump sum pay distribution, less any required deductions and prorated for part-time faculty and staff.

Those who have questions should contact Estela Long at 81-3458 or elong@twu.edu or Amanda Noday, 81-3562 or anoday@twu.edu.

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ALUMNA LEAVES LARGEST-EVER GIFT TO TWU ATHLETICS

A \$420,000 gift from the estate of Texas Woman's University alumna Agnes C. Talley will provide additional scholarship dollars for TWU student-athletes. The gift is the largest single gift ever made to the university's athletics program.

Ms. Talley made the gift to the TWU Pioneer Club, which was established in 1984 as a fund for athletics scholarships.

"This gift will help our student-athletes continue toward their goal of a quality education as they continue to compete on a team," said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life. "Our student-athletes truly live up to our philosophy of being a student first. The athletics record of which we are most proud is the 62 consecutive semesters of having an overall team grade point average of 3.0 or higher."

Ms. Talley – or "Aggie," as her friends and classmates knew her – played on the badminton and field hockey teams as a student at what then was Texas State College for Women. She graduated in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation. She served as a teacher and counselor in Waco, where she retired with more than 40 years of service. Ms. Talley passed away Nov. 22, 2012 in Waco at the age of 89.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

The TWU Staff Council has launched ***Staff Council Speaks***, a blog featuring issues and information for the staff on the university's Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. Check it out at <http://twustaffcouncilspeaks.blogspot.com/>

The TWU Voluntary Benefits enrollment period **has been extended through Friday, Aug. 30**. More information is available at <https://twu.powerbenefits.com/>

Reminder: The payroll deduction deadline for Fitness and Recreation membership is **Friday, Sept. 6**. Questions? Contact Sammie Jendrusch at 81-2946.

UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit “People” items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (math and computer science) on Aug. 19 published a book, “Methods of Solving Complex Geometry Problems,” available at <http://www.springer.com/978-3-319-00704-5>. Dr. Allen Mann, chief editor, Birkhäuser Science, personally congratulated Dr. **Grigorieva** and announced publication of her book on SpringerMath’s Twitter feed and Springer Facebook page.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has co-authored a manuscript, “The Influence of IT-related Beliefs on Emotional Trust for a Smartphone and Smartphone Continuance Usage: An Empirical Study,” which has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *International Journal of Technology Diffusion* (IJTD).

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) will serve as a panelist in the Promoting Undergraduate Business Research (Student-Faculty Perspective) section of the AIB-SE (Academy of Business, Southeast Chapter) annual conference to be held Oct. 25-27 in Augusta, Ga.

Garrett Griffeth has been hired as assistant coach for the Pioneer gymnastics team. He previously worked at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy, a club gymnastics facility owned by two-time Olympic head coach Mary Lee Tracy. He earned his bachelor’s degree in exercise and sport science with a concentration in athletic training in 2010 and his master’s degree in sports management in 2011 from Georgia.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Mon., Aug. 26

- Fall semester begins
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Tues., Aug. 27

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- TWU Athletics Maroon and White Luncheon, noon, Outback Steakhouse, 300 S. I-35E in Denton, \$5 (gratuity not included).

Wed., Aug. 28

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Thurs., Aug. 29

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Fri., Aug. 30

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Sat., Aug. 31

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 1

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.

Mon., Sept. 2

- Labor Day holiday; university closed.

Tues., Sept. 3

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed., Sept. 4

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Thurs., Sept. 5

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Fri., Sept. 6

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Texas A&M-International, 11 a.m., away.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Adams State (11 a.m.) and St. Edward's (7 p.m.), away.

Sat., Sept. 7

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Central Missouri (1 p.m.) and St. Mary's (7 p.m.), away.

Sun., Sept. 8

- Library 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.

- Pioneers Soccer vs. St. Edward's, 2 p.m., away.

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