MEMO

To: New Faculty

From: Leonard Jones, Director, University Residences

Date: September 2014

Subject: Welcome

On behalf of University Residences and University Dining Services, welcome to Western! We are delighted you joined our vibrant academic community and hope you find opportunities to engage with the residential community.

Attached is the *Guide to University Residences* describing our program to new students. Western is a residential campus of 4,100 students in 15 residence halls and one apartment complex. The residential community is undergraduate-centered with 75% new incoming students and 25% returning students.

University Residences engage students in diverse and inclusive, healthy, safe and sustainable communities fostering academic success and personal growth. The educational and student leadership model utilized in supporting student success centers on three learning initiatives for students to develop intellectual potential and achieve personal goals: (1) help students develop diverse and inclusive communities; (2) explore topics such as leadership, diversity, sustainability and social and community responsibility and; (3) engage students in intentional self-reflection. Faculty involvement opportunities exist in these educational efforts. Knowing your time is a premium, I ask you to consider accepting an invitation to engage in the residential program. Requests come directly from students, resident advisors, or residence life staff. If you are interested in having informal dialogues with students please contact Dr. John Purdie, associate director of University Residences, residence life at john.purdie@wwu.edu x6590.

Western is a wonderful learning environment with many opportunities to engage our students. Best wishes for a successful academic year and please call me if we can assist.