• The Penn Library created a special brown bag workshop for PPSA and WPPSA members held on February 9. Unlocking the Secrets of the Penn Library was well attended and taught staff how to access all of the great resources available at the library.

• Once again, PPSA and WPPSA collaborated with the Weigle Information Commons (WIC) to produce a series of technology workshops for staff. The workshops are one hour and were customized to accommodate varying skill levels. The spring workshop series is scheduled throughout the months of February and March. Thanks to the staff at WIC for making this happen!

• In collaboration with WPPSA, we will host a series of Performance and Staff Development Programs led by Sharon Moorer Aylor, Executive Director of Staff and Labor Relations. The workshops on March 9 will focus on importance of self-performance appraisals and how to prepare for the performance appraisal meeting with your supervisor. The workshops on March 15 are designed for supervisors. These sessions will provide an overview on how to give effective performance feedback, write clear performance goals and expectations, and how to address staff professional development needs.

• PPSA is hosting a brown bag lunch and learn with University Secretary Leslie Laird Kruhly on March 22. Staff will learn about Penn governance and the creation of university policy.

• PPSA will hold a brown bag program on Positive Psychology with Dr. Christopher Maxwell on March 30. This program will present an overview of recent developments in the emerging field of Positive Psychology, the scientific study of the strengths and virtues that enable individuals and communities to thrive. Participants will learn about advances in the assessment of character strengths, tips for building resilience, and why it matters how you frame the challenges you experience. Participants will also learn tips for incorporating positive psychology into their everyday work lives.

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