# **Staff Compensation Study**

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Presentation to Western Michigan University



## **Meeting Topics**

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## Objective of Staff Compensation Study

Updated, Competitive Staff Compensation System with Processes to Support Ongoing Administration and Maintenance



## Taking a Total Rewards Perspective WMU

### **Intrinsic**

#### **Environment**

- Campus environment
- Work-life balance
- Recreation center
- Free parking
- Access to Athletic Club

### **Development**

- Community of learning
- Tuition benefits for staff (and immediate family members)
- Career development opportunities
- Computer training
- Work-Life Web
- Job postings

#### **Benefits**

Staff

- Defined contribution retirement plan with up to 11% contribution
- Opportunity to contribute to retirement through 403(b)/457 plans
- Medical plan with low level staff contribution; spouse/family plans
- Dental/vision/life plans
- Long-term disability
- 3-5 weeks vacation, 8 paid holidays and winter closure
- Sick time
- EAP

#### **Compensation**

- Base pay plan
- Annual increase process
- Awards and recognition
- Make a Difference awards
- Service awards
- 25 Year Club

**Extrinsic** 





## Staff Compensation Study

- Aon was engaged by Western Michigan University (WMU) in May 2013 to conduct a Staff Compensation Study
- Aon proposed the study be conducted in two steps or phases
  - Phase I has been completed
  - Phase II is currently in process
  - An additional work stream has been added
- The study was kicked off in June 2013 and is now almost 60% completed
- Typical timing:18 to 24 months



## Staff Compensation Study

- A cross-campus Project Team was designated to assist Aon
  - Aon and HR are being assisted by the project team
  - One group served during Phase I
  - Additional team members were added for Phase II
  - The team is represented by WMU staff from academic and administrative departments
- Executives, Deans, Assistant Deans, Assistant Vice Presidents and Vice Provosts, Directors, Managers, and Staff from across the campus have provided input into the project – and will continue to do so

Today we are here to ask you to provide input into the project



## Phase I Project Overview - Completed

Timing: May 2013 to February 2014

- · Project Planning
- Leadership Interviews
- Compensation Philosophy (Market Definition)

- Identification of Benchmark Jobs, Matching to Market
- Market Analysis

- Financial and Structure Analysis
- Presentation of Phase I Findings, Recommendations

### Phase I Findings and Recommendations:

- The salary structure is no longer aligned with market and should be replaced
- Proceed with Phase II



## Phase II Project Overview - Ongoing

### Timing: April 2014 to June 2015

- Continue with Benchmark Analysis
- New Salary Structure Development

- Analysis of Admin Support & Marketing Roles
- Determine
  Salary Ranges
  for all Positions
- Detailed Financial Analysis
- Administrative Guidelines

- Final Presentation of Findings and Recommendations
- Implementation



## Additional Work Stream – Staff Input

- This is where you can provide input to the Staff Compensation Study
- Aon was engaged by WMU in October 2014 to conduct an additional work stream associated with the Staff Compensation Project
  - Gather staff input regarding the work you perform today
  - Initially place staff into appropriate levels of work
- WMU Leadership will have the final decision for placement of staff
- Aon has developed an automated Job Tool for gathering individual staff job content



### The Job Tool

- What is a Job Tool?
  - Similar to a position questionnaire, but automated for ease of use
  - Allows staff to describe what you do, how you do it, and the background needed to do it
  - Will require review and approval by your manager
- How will completed Job Tools be used?
  - By Aon Hewitt to understand the roles of staff at WMU and to initially place staff into appropriate levels of work
  - By WMU HR to update job descriptions (future state)
- When staff do not complete the Job Tool
  - Aon Hewitt will rely on existing job descriptions and input from managers and leaders



## Using the Aon Job Tool

- The Job Tool to be distributed via email from HR within the next few weeks
- Elements of the Job Tool
  - Identifying information
  - Overview of your role
  - Specific duties and responsibilities
  - Supervisory responsibility
  - Education, experience, and skills required
- Staff are asked to complete the Job Tool and return to HR within two weeks of receiving the email
  - Your manager must review and approve your completed Job Tool
  - Completing a Job Tool is a voluntary activity, but highly encouraged



## Job Tool – A View

Job Content Tool:













#### 0 **Basic Position and Completer Information** Today's Date (MM/DD/YY): MM/DD/YY Employee ID: Write-in Employee Name: Write-in Position Title: Write-in Position Number: Write-in Department: Write-in Pay Grade: For HR Use Only Current Exemption Status: Write-in **Position Summary** General statement reflecting the overall purpose of the position. Typically two to three sentences. This position is responsible for Write-in **Essential/Primary Duties** 0 Please record in increments of 5% or greater. Remember, it may be helpful to think about this in terms of the cycles that exist in your position. See instructions for examples. % of Time Task



## Review of Staff Compensation Study Project Timing

Project Kickoff – Phase I	June 2013
Phase II	April 2014
Staff Input Work Stream	October/November 2014
<ul><li>Job Tool email</li><li>Completed Job Tools due</li></ul>	<ul><li>Soon</li><li>Within two weeks of receipt</li></ul>
Staff Compensation Project Completion/Implementation	Summer 2015



## Staff Compensation Study Phase I Project Team Members

- Warren Hills, WMU Project Manager, Human Resources
- Amy Brimmer, Human Resources
- Krista Cekola, Human Resources
- Nancy Cretsinger, Office of the Provost
- Emily Gross, Human Resources
- Michelle Johnson, College of Education and Human Development
- Robert Kakuk, Human Resources
- Colleen Lewis, University Budgets and Financial Planning
- Jeffrey Long, Facilities Management
- Suzie Nagel, Division of Student Affairs
- Cathleen Smith, Office of the Provost
- Alonzo Wilson, Office of Information Technology



## Staff Compensation Study Phase II Project Team Members

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- Amy Brimmer, Human Resources
- Krista Cekola, Human Resources
- James Gilchrist, Office of the Provost
- Michele Johnson, College of Education and Human Development
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- Jeffrey Long, Accounting Services
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