In Brief: Staff Council welcomes UAPD interim chief, the Poetry Center invites you to take The Sealey Challenge, LQP hiatus

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**Staff Council to hear from interim UAPD chief**

University of Arizona Staff Council members will hear from Chris Olson, interim chief of the University of Arizona Police Department, at the council’s [July 25 meeting](https://www.staffcouncil.arizona.edu/events/staff-council-meeting-6).

Olson, who was [announced as interim chief](https://www.staffcouncil.arizona.edu/events/staff-council-meeting-6) in May, will discuss his goals and vision for the position and take questions. Olson has 31 years of law enforcement experience, including seven years as a member of UAPD. He most recently served as commander of the Oro Valley Police Department’s Field Services Division. He also has worked as an adjunct instructor in the School of Government and Public Policy since 2017.

The Staff Council is a shared governance organization that represents University Staff and Classified Staff. The council meets [via Zoom](https://click.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=e4b815ce513eec3a23ee96fc6175be37fc4e3c6759bbfdf07a82bc07290fd3b42590322e1daee6e8b65a70f6a87f6c66b69412a47ef3ebfe6c046eb2302b9e68) on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year. The July 25 meeting begins at 2 p.m. Meetings are open to all employees. For information about the Staff Council can be found on the council’s website. Anyone interested in becoming a Staff Council representative can [apply online](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBPf3u1Jz3gV8bq_Zd6JKKo5K1VYqAuxemUsMCA6waLBcu9g/viewform). Those who want more information can contact Melanie Madden, Staff Council chair and program manager for curricular affairs for Academic Administration.

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**The Poetry Center invites you to take on The Sealey Challenge**

The University of Arizona Poetry Center has entered into a partnership with [The Sealey Challenge](https://www.thesealeychallenge.com/), an initiative that invites participants to read one book of poetry each day in August.

The Sealey Challenge was founded by poet Nicole Sealey in 2017 as she tried to balance her administrative and writing work with time to read for pleasure. Now in its seventh year, the challenge has attracted thousands of readers from around the world.

"The Sealey Challenge is a perfect way to carve out time for reading poetry," Sarah Kortemeier, library director at the Poetry Center, stated in an [article posted on the center’s website](https://poetry.arizona.edu/blog/announcing-new-partnership-sealey-challenge). The book-a-day structure "is both ambitious and doable, given the relative brevity of most poetry collections."

Kortemeier added that the Poetry Center has more than 57,000 poetry books and [chapbooks](https://poetry.arizona.edu/library/library-collections/books-and-broadsides) that visitors can read during the center’s operating hours. The center is open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturdays during the academic year from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Those who participate are invited to share their experiences on social media using the hashtags #thesealeychallenge or #sealeychallenge.

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**LQP returns Aug. 9**

Lo Que Pasa will be taking a brief hiatus ahead of the beginning of the academic year. The next issue will be published on Aug. 9.

Please note that UAnnounce memos, classified ads and the University Calendar will continue to be updated as usual during this time.

If you have a story idea for Lo Que Pasa, we invite you to send an email to [andyober@arizona.edu](mailto:andyober@arizona.edu).