

MSP Board Jan 31, 2018

Present: Ellen Lutz, Bill Diamond, Jim Smethurst, Marc Liberatore, Eric Berlin, Sigrid Schmalzer, Lisa Henderson, Dave Gross, Kevin Young, Priyanka Srivastava, Randy Phillis, Christine Turner, Chris Couch, Louise Antony

Staff: Lori Reardon, Mickey Gallagher, Emily Steelhammer

Minutes from Dec 13 were approved by voice vote.

Signups for Departmental visits for Spring Semester MSP visits to faculty meetings. There is more to talk about - Especially with Janus Decision looming.

Question: Could there be separate hour-long information sessions about Janus that could be more in-depth, and allow more discussion than the 10min department meetings.

Answer - Such a meeting is planned.

Other issues: Blending of CPE into the regular curriculum - how will that actually affect workload and teaching.

Teaching evaluation and the new approach being piloted.

SEE - Survey of Educational Effectiveness - the construction of learning outcomes and assessments that measure student achievement.

New Employee Orientations 11:15 - 12:30 is the normal time slot - people can sign up to participate. They're fun!

All-in and using the MSP Grant MTA provided a \$6,000 grant to be used for food and drink coupons for hosting meetings with members. Also T-shirts, buttons etc...

Feb 26 is "Janus Day". Event framed as a threat to labor organizing in an era where it could not be more important.

Labor Coalition is organizing an event for Janus Day with several components.

Brainstorming ideas for activities with labor coalition meeting.

Visibility

Student Outreach

Media

Action - Photobooth?

Inviting people

Slogan making for signs at rallies.

Melamine Whiteboard for signs.

Inviting people including media people, politicians, campus administrators etc...

Clarify the message:

Write up a good, concise description of the existing labor law that Janus is trying to overturn.

Power of unions in organizing people around good causes.

How does the Janus case fit in the context of broader attacks on organized labor.

GIC Update: Process used by the GIC commission is deeply flawed. Surprise motion from GIC Commission staff to eliminate 3 of the 6 insurance options for state employees (Tufts, Harvard Pilgrim, Fallon were eliminated). No impact analysis was done. The motion was made the night before the meeting, and embargoed so no discussion could occur. The vote was 8-6 in favor with the 6 opposed all from those representing employees. Plan design is next on their agenda. Because of pushback from Attorney General, Governor and others, GIC is now reconsider their vote - stated by the GIC staff executive director. Process issues plague this action.

Rally with Boston Teachers Union yesterday.

Meeting of the commission tomorrow 2/1/18 to discuss latest about the plans.