

MSP Executive Board Meeting Notes  
April 10, 2019

Present: Eve Weinbaum, Dean Robinson, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Jeremy Smith, Sandy Litchfield, Marc Liberatore, Maciej Ciesielski, Kevin Young, Clare Hammonds, Joya Misra, Erica Scharrer, Jim Smethurst, Eric Berlin, Steve Brewer

Staff: Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon  
Guest: Heather LaPenn (MTA)

Good news

- Steve Brewer received a Professional Development Leave (after 23 years!)
  - Branch case (Ken Branch & Curt Connor) suing MSP for agency fees, and not being able to participate if not a member (exclusive representation). Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts decision came out yesterday, good news, said that unions do have a right for exclusive representation.
- A. **Approval of minutes** from March 27, 2019. Motion by David Gross, seconded by Jim Smethurst. Approved unanimously.
  - B. **Follow-up for Fund our Future Campaign.** Emily sent email with instructions for follow-up with legislative visits. Encourage folks to attend PHENOM action March on Friday, April 12 @ 1:30 p.m. on Goodell lawn. If you don't have a t-shirt, come to MSP offices at 1:20 p.m.
  - C. **April 30 Cherish Act hearings.** If there is any chance of coming to the State House. Mindy Domb is really encouraging folks to attend. Also collecting testimony for those who can't be there. MTA is setting up panels to testify. We will send out instructions this afternoon.
  - D. **May 16 Day of Action** - Boston, full day of activities, stuff for kids, music, food. 1-5 p.m. actions at the State House, 5-7 p.m. Rally on Common.
  - E. If you're willing to do a video testimony for social media, etc. in the run up to April 30 & May 16 let Emily know.
  - F. **Update on Online Education.** Marty Meehan and Don Kilburn (head of UMOL) and representative of Parthenon consulting gave a dog and pony show on campus last week. Randy, David, and Kate attended. No real details revealed (except for the fact that this is going to make lots of money.) They are on a fast track (open spring 2020) but unclear where the curriculum will come from (class in a box). Faculty governance unclear, as is instructor compensation. What is our response?
  - G. **Dues abatement** - David put together an analysis of impact of dues abatement with a proposal with one scenario. Rebating total dues on a percentage. See attached for details. Should it be automatic? People feel more ownership when they participate via dues. The Officers will revisit and come up with a proposal.