MSP EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA – MARCH 21ST, 2018

Present: Eve Weinbaum, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Marc Liberatore, Randy Phillis, Ellen Lutz, Bill Diamond, Sigrid Schmalzer, Christine Turner, Joya Misra, Jim Smethurst, Eric Berlin, Lisa Henderson, Louise Antony

Staff: Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon

A. Approval of Minutes 1/13/18, 2/14/18, 2/28/18. Christine made the motion. Randy seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. 7 more delegates needed for Annual Meeting – We will have a meeting on campus before to go over procedures for new people. Jim will reach out to Toussaint and Sigrid to the Redmans.

C. Plan for mobilization for mass meetings. We need to put more pressure on the Chancellor – it’s unclear who is pulling the strings, but he is ultimately responsible for the campus. He has agreed to meet with concerned faculty and librarians. April 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Come at 1:30 p.m. for updates, what people want to say. Chancellor & Provost come at 2:15 p.m. Talk to them about why these issues matter to faculty. Inadequacy of salary proposal; unwillingness to improve the conditions of NTT faculty

Brainstorm – other possibilities for pressure. Work to rule, or some version of it (no work after commencement, no or cutback on grading or committee work with out of office replies); campaign to cut Admin raises; talk to MTA to provide legislature pressure; target extra administrative asks (e.g., EEP, SLO); one stream of work to say no to; out of office message over summer; do something visible at graduation (placards, armbands, peeling off processional, student visibility); drop gum outside administrative offices; look at admin bloat in the deaneries; regular public actions and press; Collegian April Fools AEP (Administrative Effectiveness Plans); plane with a banner; social media #campaign; buttons saying “puny raises”.

D. Board of Trustees Meeting – Friday, April 6, 9:00am @ UMass Amherst. Trustees are terrible now, except for labor representative. Baker nominees. We’ve been doing research on the individual trustees. Consider lawsuit against the trustees for breach of fiduciary responsibility (not fighting for funding, against Fair Share). Messaging hurting UMass by not offering better parameters. Put pressure on individual trustees. Goal is PR and press campaign- will not influence trustees. Need to turn people out for Trustees meeting? Make signs (with poster making lunch or party beforehand)