

MSP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES - APRIL 18, 2018

Present: Christine Turner, Dean Robinson, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Sigrid Schmalzer, Chris Couch, Lisa Henderson, Maciej Ciesielski, Lyle Kraker, Randy Phillis, Marc Liberatore, Jim Smethurst, Joya Misra, Clare Hammonds, Louise Antony

Staff: Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon, Mickey Gallagher

- A. **Approval of minutes** from 4/4/18 – Jim made motion. Sigrid seconded. Approved unanimously.
- B. **Budget** – David Gross presented budget (see attached.) Recommended to the board by the officers. In terms of income, agency fee payers are included in calculations, although this may be affected by Janus - we will wait and see and make adjustments if necessary. Approved unanimously. No questions or objections on the JCC budget (which we don't vote on).
- C. **Bargaining update** – Mickey – Often at the end of bargaining a smaller MSP delegation meets directly with staff from the Provost office to move bargaining. To that end, Mickey and Eve met with Michael Egan, the Provost & Deb Gould in off the record conversation that is not a part of official bargaining. This is a good sign that we may be getting close - although usually at this phase we have 3-4 open issues to discuss; this time there are 9.
- D. **Mount Ida and Mass Meeting Debrief** – The fact that faculty are losing their jobs is problematic, as is the fact that students are being adversely affected. Why did things happen so quickly (and why can't other things happen more quickly?). How is it that UMass Amherst fund this purchase, but not settle the MSP contract? How much is it going to cost to run Mount Ida (maintenance, etc.)?

About 70 faculty and librarians attended the mass meeting to discuss with the administration concerns around bargaining. Swamy, John McCarthy, Michael Egan, Andrew Mangels (A&F) represented administration. Topics addressed included anomalies, teaching loads, getting the contract funded, professional development leave for NTT, Mt. Ida. Eliot Moss asked about Fair Share Amendment; Swamy and John indicated that they supported it, but the Board of Trustees don't.
- E. **Ideas for General Assembly** – Status report on bargaining leading to next steps (ideally with suggestions coming from the floor.) There was a suggestion to Skype in a speaker from West Virginia or elsewhere to discuss recent strikes. Also discuss the need for a real strategy for post-Janus.
- F. **MTA Annual Meeting (2 alternates needed)** – Please let Emily know if you could be potentially be available (or know others who might be interested.)

Dates to Remember

- **Spring General Assembly Membership Meeting:**
Monday 4/30/18, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Cape Cod Lounge
- **MTA Annual Meeting:** Friday 5/4/18 & Saturday 5/5/18