

MSP Board Meeting Notes

April 3, 2024

Board: Marc Liberatore, Eve Weinbaum, Sigrid Schmalzer, Kate Hudson, Kevin Young, Asha Nadkarni, Jenny Adams, Tristram Seidler, Jacquie Kurland, John Staudenmayer, Jeanne Brunner, Christine Turner, Maciej Ciesielski, Madeleine Charney, Laura Francis, Priyanka Srivastava, Toissant Losier

Staff: Brian Hennigan, Lori Reardon

1. **Approve Minutes - March 13, 2024.** Motion to approve from Asha. Seconded by Jeanne. Approved unanimously.
2. **FY25 MSP Budget.**
 - a. Staffing totals about the same, but changes. Lori received a retention salary increase, Emily left, Brian arrived, includes a new stipend for the Grievance Officer to reflect the amount of work the position entails.
 - b. MTA will be asking for a \$32 increase in dues.
 - c. Professional fees have moved around, but the totals remain about the same.
 - d. Anticipating slightly higher space rental and catering costs.
 - e. Projected deficit of \$47,600. However, because of conservative budgeting we've never actually run a deficit.
 - f. Jacquie made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Asha seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
3. **Online: The admin's proposal & our counter.** New approach to online teaching. No multi-modal approach, but more online courses available to residential students. Online courses offered during fall & spring, they want to be able offer multiple sections (University and U+) in the same mode would count as one course. Also, want administration to be able to assign people to teach online. Impact on revenue in that University students will no longer have to pay extra for U+ courses. For schools and colleges that are less affluent this could be devastating. Concerns: cheating, student outcomes. Is there data? Adequate technology support for online teaching.
4. **Potential policy changes** in contract. "Changes to these policies need to be bargained." They want us to give up this right and shift to impact bargaining. And they want us to OK new versions of policies (e.g., outside activities, conflict of interest, IP, sabbatical policies.) Who can help us? Laura Quilter (IP?) What we want to know - are there substantive changes or are they mostly rewrites.
5. **Faculty advocacy highlights.** A lot of what we do is invisible. Eve - we do a lot of work that gets shared, many are very sensitive situations.