MSP Board and Reps Meeting

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Staff: Lori Reardon, Kristen Streahle, Tyler Rocco

1. Brief updates on Holistic Teaching, OA/COI, Lecturer labor/management committees

- Holistic teaching evaluation – The committee has been at work on a system of holistic teaching evaluation, to accompany major personnel actions, since the fall. Solicited member feedback via reps.
- COI/OA – Working through the distinction of what is our job, what's an outside activity, still dealing with a lot of "it depends" but we are getting closer. We have made clear our various concerns about faculty workload, etc.
- NTT – They want another year before Continuing Appointment, which we agreed to if we can get Senior Lecturer three. But provost is ratcheting up standards, requiring three external lectures, using the language of "excellence," It makes no sense – how can someone from outside even evaluate? We'd never agree to a tenure-like process. Also, their proposal would not allow grandfathering. However, we are in sight of a compromise there too.

2. Membership organizing asks (Summer 2026 NEOs!)

- Sign up for NEOs – fun, not a huge time commitment. Usually takes about an hour

3. Organizing re: university governance

- Issues: Centralization of everything (IT, HR, Research Support); erosion of faculty governance; doctoral admissions.
- Summer Organizing Task Force (5/19, 6/15, 7/14)