

MSP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES - APRIL 4TH 2018

Present: Eve Weinbaum, Dean Robinson, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Lisa Henderson, Joya Misra, Maciej Ciesielski, Marc Liberatore, Ellen Lutz, Christine Turner, Sigrid Schmalzer, Priyanka Srivastava, Jim Smethurst, Eric Berlin

Staff: Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon, Mickey Gallagher

Guest: Heather LaPenn

- A. **Approval of minutes** from 3/21/18 – David Gross made motion. Jim seconded. Approved unanimously.
- B. **MiniVan Training** – App used to facilitate turnout for actions. Download app and log in. See attached instructions. Contact Emily for your username and password. Use app to talk to department members about 4/12/18 meeting with the Chancellor and Provost.
- C. **Approval of by-laws changes** – A few changes to bylaws that will be voted on at the General Assembly. Notification already sent to members. Officers have had two-year terms, while board members had three-year terms, which doesn't really make sense. Moving to three-year terms for both. Also changed wording to allow for co-Presidents. Change wording to reflect practice of only having official elections for contested elections (otherwise election by acclamation). Also allow electronic elections. Lisa made motion. Jim seconded. Recommended by the board unanimously.
- D. **Board of Trustees** action and sign making – will be on campus on Friday. Sign-making on Thursday 4-6 p.m. in Hampshire House (conference room). Gather at Old Chapel around 8 a.m. – meeting starts at 9 a.m., but Trustees come early. Press will be coming at 8:30 a.m. People inside the room will have smaller signs.
- E. **Mass meeting turnout and collecting statements** – Meeting set up for April 12 with Chancellor and Provost to express concerns around bargaining. Right now we don't have many people signed up to attend. Meeting will be canceled if we can't guarantee a good turnout. If you can't come, please write a statement than can be read.
- F. **Bargaining Update** – President's Office is asking to split a 3-year contract into a 1-year contract and a 2-year contract (because legislature is supposed to fund the first year of any contracts). We would only be interested if the following were true: We'd need to have both settled at the same time (we're not going to OK the 1-year contract and then continue bargaining.) Local issues would need to be finalized. Match state parameters plus 0.5% in lieu of steps. COLA must be met before any merit. Assurance from the legislature that they are on board. This response was given to Michael Eagen last week. Deans are fighting professional development leaves for NTT and equity process (blind review & centralized.)

Dates to Remember

- **Board of Trustees Action:** Friday 4/6/18, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., Old Chapel, UMass Amherst

- **Mass Meeting with Chancellor:** Thursday, 4/12/18, 1:30 p.m., Campus Center 905-909
- **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