

## MSP Board & Reps Meeting Notes

April 17, 2024

**Board** - Marc Liberatore, Kate Hudson, John Staudenmayer, Sigrid Schmalzer, Jacquie Kurland, Eve Weinbaum, Jeanne Brunner, Christine Turner, Priyanka Srivastava, Asha Nadkarni, Clare Hammonds, Josh Michel, Toussaint Losier, Tristram Seidler, Kevin Young, Madeline Charney,

**Staff** - Katie Durso, Lori Reardon, Brian Hennigan

**Reps** - Lisa Modenos, Devin Day, Betsy Krause, Neal Katz, Christine Hatch, Jerry Levinsky, Leonora Thomas, Luke Bouvier, Michael Starr, Yasuko Shiomi, Erica Scharrer, Luis Monroe-Gomez-Franco, Julia Feldhaus, Peter Beltramo, Adam Dahl, Jeremy Smith, Kelsey Whipple, Steve Eyles,

### 1. Updates

- a. **Health & Welfare Trust** movement! We've been working to try to fix our current situation (terrible dental, essentially no vision.) Katie D'Urso has been spearheading a push to make things better. This past week the trustees finally voted to pursue a merger with another State Health & Welfare fund. Also will light a fire under the management who have not done much to assure good benefits.
- b. **GIC 60 day waiting period** for health benefits is finally gone! We have been pushing for this for YEARS.
2. **Board Vote** - Jobs with Justice dues approval. Marc makes the motion, Asha seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. **UMass Student Code of Conduct Appeal Status.** Faculty support for students and staff who have been part of disciplinary action. Has been brought up in Faculty Senate. Petition delivered March 28. Faculty Senate committee meeting taking place on May 1 @ 2 p.m.
4. **New Provost** - not really been in a leadership position where there is a union, let alone a strong one. We don't know that much about him. Leaning into neo-liberal university. Process was strange. Search committee was charged with making the list. Committee didn't really have a lot input. Opinions were not really solicited from rules committee by search firm. Facade of involving people.
5. **Department Visits**
6. **Delegates to the Annual Meeting** - come!!!! Remote only.
7. **VP Election Announcement** - Voting will start today. Electronic voting. Through end of day Friday. Top two vote getters will be elected (of three candidates.)
8. **PRO petition** - Post-doc union. At the bargaining table. Asking for faculty support.