

11/16/2020 [Allunit] Bring Staff Back Campaign

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us in person, this Wednesday at 6:00 to kick off the multi-union campaign, **Bring Staff Back!** Together with colleagues in the other UMass unions, MSP is protesting staff furloughs. We are calling on the administration to commit to **bringing all staff back by January 1.**

Join us:

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Center plaza, UMass Amherst - physically distanced with masks

With spectacular light-projection art by [The Illuminator](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1120646418351995>

All faculty and librarians are invited to support the campaign by [contributing one story](#) about how staff cuts have affected your work. Documenting the impact of the furloughs will help avoid future furloughs or layoffs.

In recent months, MSP has received countless emails from members concerned about staff furloughs. The university depends on the hard work and knowledge of our staff, and bringing them all back has been a top priority for MSP since the furloughs began.

On Wednesday we will launch the UMass multi-union solidarity campaign, **Bring Staff Back.** UMass has received level funding from the state, and student enrollments are higher than the administration's projections. Alongside the other unions on campus, we are asking that all "indefinite" furloughs and hours reductions end by January 1, so that UMass is fully staffed by the start of the spring semester.

MSP members have already begun submitting testimony in support of the **Bring Staff Back** campaign. If you have not yet shared a story of how current or potential staff cuts affect your work or your students, please [fill out this short form now.](#)

Mark your calendar: the UMass unions are holding a joint membership meeting on Friday, November 20, at noon. Registration information will be coming soon.

In solidarity,

MSP Executive Committee

For inspiration, here are a few of the testimonies that are being shared as high-impact posters.



In the Psychological Services Center, staff furloughs are causing us to shut down our clinic for a week, which adversely affects students' abilities to gain their clinical training experience.

**Rebecca Ready, MSP Member,
Psychological & Brain Sciences**

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I have depended heavily on the staff work of our graduate program administrator. We are now in the crunch time for positioning our job market candidates as effectively as possible on the market. Our Ph.D. students have put their trust in us, to help them move forward in their professional careers. We simply cannot be as effective as we need to be right now.

Robert Pollin, MSP Member,
Economics

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We have students suffering from mental health crises. In reaching out to staff at DOSO, we received furlough messages. This adds to the feeling of crisis for our students and those of us trying to help them.

**Jamie Rowan, MSP Member,
Political Science**

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**The long term implications
of staff cuts are
devastating. Are they
necessary or justified? The
lowest income staff have
suffered the most.**

**Lorraine Cordeiro, MSP Member,
Nutrition**

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We have nobody running the wood shop or the metals facility, areas central to our operations. We need trained technicians to oversee these areas to assure student safety.

**Susan Jahoda, MSP Member,
Art Department**

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