

12/11/2020 [Allunit] Thank you and APWS update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MSP membership meeting this morning. We had more than 500 faculty members and librarians there and – although our primary goal was to share information – we received extremely helpful feedback during the meeting and afterwards. We still want to hear your thoughts; feel free to respond to this email if you'd like the MSP Executive Committee to consider your opinions as we proceed.

At this meeting, we heard a very clear “hard no” to the administration’s proposal as it stands, even from MSP members who otherwise sympathize with the administration’s predicament. While we know we have varying opinions among our diverse membership, we heard a significant amount of consensus in your responses. That was very informative. We are also reading all of the email responses we continue to receive. We will share your overall message when we meet with the administration on Monday, and with the staff unions as well.

We will post the slides and notes from the meeting on the MSP website on Monday. We will plan more meetings when we have more information to share. I regret that it’s impossible to have an open conversation with more than 500 people in the room, but we so appreciate everyone’s active participation and thoughtful feedback, and we will plan smaller meetings so that we can have active discussions in the future.

One additional note: the question came up about deadlines for submitting the reports required for workload adjustments, and I gave you incorrect information – so sorry! Below is the email from the Provost’s office with the correct deadline for submitting those reports: **January 15, 2021**.

On Tuesday, the system will be available to submit new requests for workload adjustments for the Spring 2021 semester. Your requests will be due in APWS no later than **January 8, 2021** – no extensions allowed – please don’t miss that deadline!

Take good care and be in touch.

In solidarity,

Eve

From: Academic Personnel

Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 12:31 PM

To: Academic Personnel

Cc: Michael Eagen

Subject: Reports for Online Course Development Reminder

Dear Colleague:

*Thanks for developing and delivering a high quality online course during the Fall 2020 semester. As previously announced, faculty who have requested a workload accommodation for developing an online course through the academic personnel workflow system need to upload a short report (250 to 500 words is fine) at the end of the semester that describes the efforts made to convert the course to fully online. The report should include a self-assessment of what worked well in the course design and delivery and what you would improve in the future. We want to encourage a frank self-assessment so these reports will not be used in faculty performance evaluations. Please upload your report **on or before January 15, 2021.***

*To upload your report, log in to APWS and use the **My Submissions** tab to access your application. Once in your application, you will see a new tab called **Upload Report**. By selecting the edit option under this tab, you can upload a document or type your report in the comment box.*

For further questions, please email apws-support@provost.umass.edu or academic.personnel@umass.edu .

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