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Welcome Back!

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Dear colleagues,

Holy moly – it's September! Soon the leaves will begin changing color, the period of reportability began September 1st, and MSP is gearing up for negotiating our successor collective bargaining agreement this spring. Here are a few updates as you get ready for the semester to begin:

1. Activist faculty and librarians met over the summer to continue organizing efforts from last spring. Among the topics discussed were proposals regarding next steps as we ready for bargaining, including surveying members 1-on-1 and electing a bargaining team and contract action team(s). The details will be fleshed out during the first meeting of the Executive Board on 9/16. We will surely be in touch; MSP's goal is to hear from as many of our members as possible.

2. As we launch into our next season of bargaining, UMass Amherst will be joining with 28 other state colleges and universities in a large-scale coalition campaign designed to influence the Governor to implement fair, livable (or better yet, thrivable!) wages for all public sector employees, including all Higher Ed faculty, librarians, and staff. Stay tuned for information on how you can endorse and get involved in this coalition campaign, both across campus and across the state.

It's going to be a very busy semester AND YEAR! MSP will be looking to engage all our members to learn about the issues that matter most to you. Please be sure to keep in touch with your MSP department rep or Executive Board member. Reach out to msp@umass.edu if you don't know who those individuals are. And please ask that MSP be an agenda item for your first department/faculty meeting. We'll have details about the campus/state campaigns and how you can get involved. Most importantly, we'll be looking for your feedback as MSP makes decisions about bargaining priorities.

For now, please save these important dates in your calendar:

Thursday, September 24 – MSP New Member Reception, 4-6pm at Groff Park

Tuesday, December 8 – MSP General Assembly Meeting, Noon in the Amherst Room at the Campus Center (10th Floor) – all MSP members are welcome!

Welcome back and have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

In solidarity,
Jacquie and Marc