

7/17/2020 [Allunit] New FAQ including computer assistance and parking

Dear colleagues,

I'm pleased to let you know that MSP members overwhelmingly ratified our one-year agreement to extend our contract through June 30, 2021, and it is now signed and in effect. You can see the two parts of the agreement here: <https://umassmsp.org/contract/>. We think this is a groundbreaking agreement that sets a new standard for universities around the country.

We have heard from so many of you with questions, we have created a new FAQ on reopening here: <https://umassmsp.org/campaigns/covid-19/>

In this FAQ, you will find answers to questions about:

- Teaching face-to-face
- Teaching online
- Who is eligible for workload adjustments and how will they work?
- Technology assistance funds – applications coming soon so pay attention if you need a new computer!
- Intellectual property and academic freedom
- Childcare and elder care assistance for the fall
- Health and safety on campus
- Parking

Many of you have asked what you can do to support the staff unions. A good start is to sign this petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/a-petition-from-the-unionized-education-workers-who-make-our-campuses-work/>

We are working with all employees across the UMass campuses to ask three things of President Meehan and the Board of Trustees:

1. Protect the health and safety of students, staff, faculty, and the surrounding community.
2. No layoffs. Keeping our campus safe and healthy and equitable will require more workers, and public universities are an excellent investment during an economic downturn.
3. Fight for full funding from the state and federal government.

In solidarity,

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