

## **MSP Board Meeting w/ Reps Notes**

March 6, 2019

**Board Present:** Eve Weinbaum, Dean Robinson, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Joya Misra, Marc Liberatore, Sandy Litchfield, Steve Brewer, Clare Hammonds, Tristram Seidler, Maciej Ciesielski, Jeremy Smith

**Reps Present:** Christine Hatch, Jasmine Kerrissey, Laura Ciolkowski, Jaqui Mosselson, John Hosp, Carol Will, Tom Roeper, Mary Ellen Burke, Luke Bouvier, Daniele Giardi

**Staff:** Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon, Mickey Gallagher

### **B. Updates**

**Hampshire College** - MSP folks have been having lots of conversations with Hampshire faculty about AAUP chapter, forming a union. Faculty about to release own statement. They have been really scared to organize because of threats from administration. We encourage people to sign letter of support. UMass is interested in land, etc., but not currently involved in discussions.

**Online Education** - Meehan did State of University event, announced the creation of a new online college. Targeted to adult learners because of dip in traditional age students. Partner with another group similar to Purdue Global. Very few details at this point.

**MTA Annual Meeting** - Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4. Please come!

### **Joint Committee Updates**

- Pay Equity Committee - Agreed on process to look at anomalies. Now need to look at the actual data.
- C&PE - will be meeting next year after finish of "multi-modal pilot."
- Extension Faculty - looking at job descriptions to look at how people are being evaluated. Will be meeting again March 22.
- Title IX - meet last semester, agreed on a policy, this semester hope to come to agreement about policies.
- Gender Equity - we are starting to get data back from administration.

### **C. Fund Our Future Advocacy Day.**

Cherish Act (higher ed) Promise Act (K-12). Take us to student funding from 2001, we are now down  $\frac{1}{3}$ . \$500 million/year for state. UMass would probably get about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of that. Looking for sources of funding (including Fair Share, although that is at least 3 years out.) Baker's budget proposal includes an increase of \$59 million, and \$100 million for access and affordability.

Co-sponsored by more than 1/2 of the legislature. Get on the bus and go to the state house on March 21. Our goal is to get 50 people on the bus. Schedule: 7:30 a.m., get on bus. Mini-training on advocacy. Faculty from UMass Boston, and state colleges and community colleges will join us. Bringing framed photographs of faculty at work. Meet with reps. Lunch with students. Back on the bus 2 p.m.

### **Feedback from Reps**

Mary Ellen Burke - "mentoring" plan rolled out for instructors without teaching experience - coordinators being asked to fill this role, but it is inappropriate for a variety of reasons. Eve suggested meeting w/ coordinators.

Christine Hatch - 3 1/2% take back from Provost & Dean for stimulus funds. One of the ways chairs are finding the money is to take technicians or other research staff either fully or partly off state funds. MSP doesn't have much input into administrative budgets unless are members

Sandy - follow us on Instagram. MSPUMassAmherst