

MSP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES

May 2, 2018

Present: Eve Weinbaum, David Gross, Kate Hudson, Christine Turner, Randy Phillis, Lisa Henderson, Marc Liberatore, Maciej Ciesielski, Ellen Lutz, Sigrid Schmalzer, Priyanka Srivastava, Kevin Young, Chris Couch

Staff: Emily Steelhammer, Lori Reardon, Mickey Gallagher

Guests: Jennifer Friedman – VIVO team at UMass Libraries; Martina Nieswandt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement; Loren Walker, Director, Office of Research Development; Rachel Shipman, IT Business Analyst; Steve Battisti, IT Assistant Director of Software Development

- A. Approval of minutes from 4/18/18 – Randy moved to approve, David second. Approved unanimously.
- B. **Debrief from General Assembly** and potential commencement/summer actions
Somewhat disappointing turnout. Good ideas for actions. People seemed pleased with the amount of headway we've made on contract issues.
- Commencement - bright blue stickers with number of days without a contract (327)
 - Tag line for emails with link to page on MSP Web site
 - NSO over summer – wait and see how we're doing

Update on negotiations – seem to be making headway on equity process, increased salary floors, and increased promotion salary increases. Increases in floor for C&PE courses (we are asking for parity with on campus courses) Intellectual property for C&PE (e.g., licensing payments for course created.) Professional development leave for Sr. Lecturers. Service included for all NTT (3/4 would be the most someone can teach.) Faculty governance language close to what we've been asking for (defining "primary" as "great weight"). Academic freedom. Merit after cost of living (anything beyond 2.5% is what we're asking for). Administration suggested a one-time payment "bonus" pool rather than adding to base.

- C. **Agency Fee organizing** – Good number of people signed up to talk to agency fee payers. Marc has been having a lot of these conversations and says "it's not too bad!" He's been successful in converting a number of these. Difference is about \$300 between agency fee and full dues. Emily will put together an MSP-specific sheet about differences between
- D. **VIVO Discussion** – Martina/Loren – How can we find something that more automatically populates information about scholars' work. Four principles:
- Representative - has to serve scholars across campus, not just a narrow conception of scholarship;
 - Auto-generation - profiles with too much manual entry gets stale immediately;

- Searchable in various ways, and show linkages with people who may have research interests in common;
- Scalable – add more people and more data sources so it becomes more robust over time.

How to get data into the system – multiple data sources (not just journals) bibliometrics, grant proposals, patent databases, faculty data reporting such as AFRs (but can't be too manual)

Upcoming Events

MSP End of Year Party – Tuesday, May 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m.,
Mickey's House, 1 Cider Mill Rd., Haydenville

MSP Retreat – Wednesday, August 29 (tentative)