

Faculty Welfare Committee/AAUP Excellence in Education

COMMENCEMENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



MOVING PARTS.

There are a lot of things to keep track of at the end of the academic year - final projects and exams, annual reports, award ceremonies, receptions, coffee runs and more. This year, in addition to all that, we're trying to keep track of where we are with regard to our contract. Here is the most up-to-date information we can provide, thanks to our colleagues on the FSC, the HCC and the Faculty Secretary. By the time you read this, it will probably need to be updated.

Tuesday, May 10: Faculty Salary Committee and Administration have a regular meeting.

This week and next: FWC Executive Committee members and FSC members continue to meet with the attorney paid for by FWC.

Friday, May 13: Health Care Committee meets. The HCC has been asked by the FSC to "analyze, evaluate and then make recommendations to the FSC on the proposed healthcare changes."

Probably Next Week: The FSC Chair has been invited to organize a small group of faculty to meet with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees because they "are deeply concerned about the lack of resolution [on the Memo of Understanding]." This meeting is being scheduled by the Faculty Secretary.

Thursday, May 19: a meeting of the General Faculty is tentatively scheduled.

FWC/AAUP Election Results:

Elected to two-year terms beginning June 1, President Irene Mulvey, Vice-President Jocelyn Boryczka, Secretary Bill Abbott, Treasurer Paul Baginski, At-large members Maggie Labinski, Anna Lawrence, Stephanie Storms, & Deb Strauss. Heartfelt Thanks go out to President Rona Preli and outgoing At-large members Betsy Bowen and Sonya Huber. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANKS!

FWC/AAUP

The Faculty Welfare Committee/AAUP at Fairfield University is an affiliate of the national American Association of University Professors and an ad hoc Committee of the General Faculty. We promote the professional and economic interests, broadly defined, of the Fairfield University Faculty. All our activities are open to all members of the faculty but we are funded entirely by our dues-paying members. To join, contact any member of the Executive Committee. Or visit faculty.fairfield.edu/fwc

Update from the FWC Action Committee.

We have been watching and waiting patiently as our colleagues on the Faculty Salary Committee continue to engage in collegial discussions with the administrative team “with the *shared* goal of reaching agreement on a Memo of Understanding to present to the General Faculty for approval.” [*Faculty Handbook* I.C.b.14, emphasis added]. We have found the FSC’s reports at General Faculty meetings pretty discouraging, and yet we have been amazed at the FSC’s resilience and determination to continue working in order to reach agreement. Our colleagues on the FSC have urged us all along to remain patient, but, at this point, there are too many faculty members – talking within the 2016 Action Committee, talking within the FWC, talking after faculty meetings, talking at the Faculty’s Reception for Retiring Faculty, talking wherever faculty get together on campus, talking via email, and all insisting that it’s time to *do something*.

We have some ideas for actions at Commencement, at June Orientation, at Alumni events, and other ideas to bring attention to our situation. And we’d love to hear your ideas. Within the next day or two, we will be sending a survey to members of the FWC. The survey will help us plan in the short term and the long term by allowing FWC members to provide us with feedback and input. Watch for the survey within the next day or so and fill it out immediately.

The 2016 FWC Action Committee is co-chaired by Professors Jocelyn Boryczka (Politics) and Sonya Huber (English). Any member of the FWC may join the 2016 Action Committee by emailing either Jocelyn or Sonya.

In Solidarity

FWC/AAUP Executive Committee: Rona Preli, President; Jocelyn Boryczka, Vice-President; Bill Abbott, Secretary; Irene Mulvey, Treasurer; At-large members: Betsy Bowen, Sonya Huber, Anna Lawrence & Deb Strauss.

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