

Faculty Welfare Committee/AAUP

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FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY WORKERS UNITED

This is What Community Looks Like.

The 2nd annual Fairfield University Workers United (FUWU) Labor Forum was held on March 22 in BCC. The focus this year was on Freedom and Solidarity on Work. Workers from all over campus attended and there were speakers from many sectors of the University community. Jean Daniele (front row, far right), Alexa Mullady (front row, second from right), and Carrie Robinson (front row, far left) were presented with FUWU Campus Community and Solidarity Awards, dedicated to the memory of Professor Gisela Gil-Egui. Each had been nominated by co-workers for being a worker who stands strong for community values and knows the value of working together for the greater good.



CAMPUS WORKER
SOLIDARITY & COMMUNITY AWARD
IN MEMORY OF GISELA GIL-EGUI

Jean Daniele

Manager of Operations for the College of Arts and Sciences

Jean exemplifies the very meaning of solidarity. She has anchored the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's office, working with four different deans, through significant changes and transitions. Through it all, she finds time and energy to advocate for the College of Arts & Sciences program assistant staff – coordinating workshops, organizing luncheons and yoga sessions, advocating for title changes and fighting for compensation increases. Jean is invested in the growth, happiness and well-being of her colleagues. We recognize Jean for her ongoing efforts to achieve justice, fairness and equity in the workplace.

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Alexa Mullady

Program Coordinator in the College of Arts and Sciences

Alexa is the quintessential team member. She is thoughtful, organized and thorough, enabling her colleagues to focus on their responsibilities, plan ahead, meet deadlines and stay on budget. She considers others in countless ways, offering colleagues seasoned advice in a calm and direct manner. Her care and concern for the wellbeing of our work-study students is palpable. She mentors, encourages and supports their efforts, celebrating their successes and commiserating when they face challenges. Alexa possesses a distinctive talent for following through and making sure things run smoothly. She represents the often invisible but essential work of the academic division.

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Carrie Robinson

Carrie embodies the meaning of solidarity, community and social justice. She is a tireless advocate on issues of social justice, not only for our students, but also for the staff and faculty of Fairfield University. She has an uncanny ability to pull people with different viewpoints together so we all move forward in a positive direction. Carrie is especially patient and understanding, a resource and a rock to many.

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The FWC/AAUP website:
www.faculty.fairfield.edu/fwc

The Faculty Welfare Committee/AAUP at Fairfield University is an ad hoc committee of the General Faculty and an affiliate of the national AAUP. 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.

From the FWC/AAUP President.

Dear Colleagues,

I am still reeling from the FSC's report at last Friday's General Faculty meeting. I am *in awe* of our colleagues on the FSC and the fact that they remain determined to go back to the table next Wednesday in order to reach agreement with the administration's compensation committee on a Memo of Understanding. I am truly impressed with the creative and thoughtful ideas our colleagues on the FSC continue to come up with that address the administration's stated concerns and which should allow us to reach agreement on an MOU.

I am amazed at how many people were able to attend the FWC Steering Committee meeting on Monday and how many more attended the FWC Meeting on Tuesday. And, we are all appreciative of the people who emailed with regrets but added thoughts and great ideas. The prevailing sentiments were "I'm frustrated and not optimistic," but these depressing sentiments came with some really great ideas! The brainstorming at Tuesday's meeting was extremely productive and we'll report it all out to FWC members by email.

Finally, while I appreciate the FSC's continued efforts, I predict we are in for a long haul, and that we will be without a legitimate contract into the fall. People who were at Tuesday's FWC meeting know that we are gearing up for actions over the long term. As a start, find and polish your FWC button.

In solidarity,
Irene Mulvey

FWC/AAUP Executive Committee: Irene Mulvey, President; Jocelyn Boryczka, Vice-President; Bill Abbott, Secretary; Paul Baginski, Treasurer; At-large members: Maggie Labinski, Anna Lawrence, Stephanie Storms. Immediate Past-President Rona Preli.

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