1. Introductions (10)
   1. Name, pronouns, department
      1. Kristie, Chelsea, Jaafar, Anil, Eric, Ian, Julie, Nora, Erin, Aatif, Dweepobotee
2. Department updates (10)
   1. Anil: Might seek his PhD at WMU. Everything seems fine in the department.
   2. Medieval Studies: talk about things that will take place next semester. Namely, there is conversation about asking TAs to solo-teach a course during a 15-hr appointment. This is a delicate issue because grievances cannot be pre-emptively grudged.
   3. Ian: Nothing right now. Some potential departmental funding issues rumored.
   4. Jaafar: All good
   5. Chelsea: All Good
   6. Kristie: All good
   7. Dweepo: All good
   8. Aatif: All good.
3. Eboard updates (10)
   1. Kristie: No updates
   2. Chelsea: Unequal pay among TAs who are getting paid the same for different loads.
      1. Ready to sign the LOA. Should still be good for the summer.
      2. After submitting some kind of form, students will be able to take classes during the summer using credits from the Spring semester. The class must be on the student’s approved program of study
   3. Jaafar: No update
   4. Eric: No update
   5. Nora: went to MSU with Jaafar and Chelsea to help them organize members
      1. Chelsea: Good practice for organizing. Some good and bad interactions, but all learning experiences. Talked to six people
      2. Jaafar: Talked to two people. Learned about starting conversations with small-talk rather than details and union talk.
4. Other business (10)
   1. Ashley Carter Youngblood has reached out to us about helping people deal with election stress. Our members seem to feel most comfortable with a video delivery for this.
      1. Poems (small, 2-4 lines) might also be a good method
5. Spring blitz! (40)
   1. Bargaining coming up, with less labor-friendly trustees and a new president
   2. One week blitz, not two. We want to have conversations with members
   3. Insurance could be a big sticking point with the potential demise of ACA
   4. Goals
      1. **Building a contract platform** -- negotiations start in October!
      2. **Identifying future leaders and activists** -- Eboard, negotiating team, committees, department stewards
      3. **Signing up new members** -- currently 63% membership
   5. Conversation training & practice
   6. Logistics
6. Warm fuzzies (10)

Reminders:

**TAU elections!** Watch for emails with info

Pizza with the Prez! **Meeting with AFT-MI President David Hecker Saturday, February 18 2-5 pm 814 S. Westnedge.** Pizza provided, byob

OC meeting schedule, spring 2017

Fridays 4:30-6:00 3301 Friedmann: 2/24, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21