**TAU E-board Meeting**

**Wednesday February 22, 2017 12:00-1:30**

1. Team updates (25)
   1. President
      1. AFT Higher Ed Conference
         1. Friday April 28 - Sunday April 30
         2. Motor City Hotel & Casino Detroit MI
      2. [AFT-MI HE Committee conference call](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zTGCuzMAPZdbbCOBLJJOp4yXM9EwvGizNG5Ni7RlA2U)
         1. AFT will pay for mileage and hotel stipend of $50/person
         2. AFT wants help with staffing
            1. Chelsea will not be able to do it
            2. Eric might go.
            3. Jaafar doesn’t know
            4. Kristie is definitely going, but will not be a volunteer because she wants to attend sessions
            5. Volunteers will work booths
      3. [Michigan Progressive Summit](http://themichigansummit.org/) [political activism committee]
         1. March 4 8:00-6:00 Lansing
         2. AFT-MI reimbursing $25 registration fee
         3. Pitch to people interested in political activism committee
   2. VP
      1. Met with Geosciences with Nora to discuss an issue that would impact TA access to their offices.
         1. This is a big safety issue, as well as an accessibility issue
         2. Hopefully this won’t be anything, it is in discussion currently, and TAU is on standby
      2. There may be a separate issue with students on half-time appointment. Chelsea will reach out to members to get more information about this and try to find a solution.
         1. The department is also requiring the students to re-apply every semester
         2. No update on the LOA
            1. Last communication with them was eight days ago (02/14)
            2. Chelsea and Nora will call Mansberger today to get more information
            3. If we do not, we may have to go to Green
         3. Very close to finishing the “did you know” email. Will include a plug for contract committee. She will have it finished soon.
   3. Treasurer
      1. Thinks that we are getting some misinformation from David Hecker
         1. Contacted by John Weir to send income information.
         2. He is planning to send the information so that it can be brought up at the next meeting. It sounds to Jaafar like the salary % of dues post-merger is still on the table
         3. We got our first deposit of the semester a week late.
            1. Needs to look into the contract to see if there is anything we can do about this
            2. Nora: regardless, we need to find out the reason for the delay.
         4. Spoke to Charlie, the current treasurer of GEU about setting up the budget committee.
   4. Communications
      1. Ashley Carter Youngblood is willing to create a video
      2. The website popups have been disabled.
      3. Will set up the security certificate
      4. No updates on the Information Committee as yet
   5. Organizer
      1. Date entry is in from the Blitz.
         1. Will take the data and create new lists, organizing binders to allow for easier organizing.
      2. Has talked to Kristie about the struggle to find activists. We need to integrate an organizing culture in our institution.
         1. Want to implement weekly or twice weekly organizing shifts
         2. Would be Steward-driven, help train those members.
         3. Will make a plan for that.
2. Blitz debrief (20)
   1. Successes, challenges
      1. Got three cards
      2. Visited all of our targeted buildings
      3. It was much more manageable. Scheduling was easier. Only one shift cancellation.
      4. Still logistically challenging. Nora spent a lot of time going out with groups when she could have done other logistical things.
         1. Also got to help in the field
      5. Still likes Blitzes, thinks that 2 weeks is too intense
      6. Good survey responses. 38 responses from the blitz (will be sent out via email)
      7. Feedback:
         1. Chelsea: A night blitz might be a good idea 🡪 catching people around 5 or 6 after class when they are working in their offices
            1. Might be less contact, but more meaningful
            2. There is board support for this
         2. Eric: Had a good time, had meaningful conversations, especially in Religion.
         3. Chelsea: Good talks in Philosophy
         4. Jaafar: Liked how much survey participation we got.
         5. Nora: Has been tracking conversations differently in KNACK. Will now know who talked to people, have better records.
         6. Jaafar: lists were good (consensus)
   2. Data entry help?
      1. Nora completed it!
   3. Next steps:
      1. Follow up as needed
         1. People mentioned wanting to be involved more on the bargaining survey
         2. Also other people who have mentioned wanting to help
      2. Distribute bargaining survey
      3. Non-member email/letter?
         1. Through campus mail, with membership card.
            1. Nora: we’re running low on membership cards
            2. Eric and Jaafar: We should ask AFT to help out with this, and will use a union shop
            3. We will reach out to Doby and Hecker with estimates by Friday, shops today.
3. TAU elections (15)
   1. Deadline extension
      1. We have had one person submit candidacy.
      2. Will ask OC to push back elections
   2. ASK: [contact members who self-identified in bargaining survey](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tsahZowCViijYRdxpkhTze9BX2VY5qjIuxggs7yUq9s/edit?usp=sharing)
4. Hecker meeting debrief (20)
   1. Eric: Lots of good information came out, very promising views of the merger
   2. Jaafar: Good information, we built a better relationship with Hecker
   3. Chelsea: Glad that we got so much information. Feels fine about the merger moving forward.
   4. Nora: Really interesting. Glad to see that he values local staff.
   5. Kristie: Thought the non-merger information was the most telling, and disturbing. Some distasteful ideas brought up in regards to reps and locals.
   6. Nora: Power mapping with him could be very helpful.
   7. Jaafar: Interesting to learn what happened during TAU’s first contract negotiation.
5. Other business (10)

*Meeting Schedules*

**Eboard**: Wednesdays 12-1:30, 3309 Friedmann

3/1     3/15     3/29     4/12     4/19

**OC**: Fridays 4:30-6, 3301 Friedmann

2/24    3/17    4/7    4/21

**GSA**: Fridays 3-5

3/24

Commitments

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| **Name** | **Commitment** | **Due** | **Next Steps** |
| Kristie |  |  |  |
| Chelsea |  |  |  |
| Jaafar |  |  |  |
| Eric |  |  |  |
| Nora |  |  |  |