TAU E-board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:00-1:30

1. Team updates
   1. Eric:
      1. ACY interview went well. It ended up at about 35 minutes.
      2. Website: Kevin forwarded an email chain about changing information on the website. Needs additional information.
      3. Arranged meeting with Deirdre for Friday.
      4. Will get a copy of MI appointment letter to examine hourly breakdown.
   2. Jaafar
      1. Went to AGEL meeting in Chicago.
         1. AFT wants to meet with locals to see if they can support campaigns that will make national news. Potential campaigns should be identified with a contact person before the next AGEL meeting, in Detroit this Friday (04/14).
            1. Considering the contract campaign, to get more support from AFT national
         2. Issue of getting labor friendly people into the government.
            1. Some reservations about endorsing political candidates
            2. Advised to encourage members to volunteer at campaigns next election cycle. This avoids our issue of not representing every member while still increasing potential for political connection and sway.
         3. Received interesting media training concerning reporters, press releases, and contacting those agencies.
         4. Received a resource that gives access to university foundation funds.
      2. 8 or 9 grant applications so far
      3. No update on budget voting yet.
      4. Will contact Brody to meet sometime this week
   3. Chelsea:
      1. Will call music therapy student about fractional appointment issue today.
         1. Can departments revoke an offer if the student is involved in a grievance?
            1. If the deadline is missed, then yes.
         2. Student is being moved from ¾ to 2/3 appointment, resulting in a loss of tuition remission credits
         3. Jaafar: there is precedent to grandfather in people with certain appointment/finding levels when the university makes a policy shift
         4. Kristie: Unsure about grounds to grieve. The contract specifies that appointment rates cannot change in the contract period, but does not protect the same in new contracts
      2. No other issues of note
   4. Kristie:
      1. Provost meeting is scheduled for this Friday, 12:30-1:30
   5. Nora:
      1. AFT Michigan got funding from AFT National to fully fund participation in the Higher Education conference.
         1. Mileage, hotel reimbursed, only dinners would be paid.
         2. Attended last year’s conference, and it was very high quality and informative.
         3. Highly recommends going, especially considering the financial developments
      2. We booked Heronwood for free again, for Sunday, May 7!
      3. Phone bank tonight.
         1. 190 members, which comes down to about 20 per elected and sitting officers. Will provide a script to guide the process.
         2. Calls should be completed by end of day Friday.
         3. Nora will be at the office tonight if anyone wants to meet her there to go over the script, get lists, etc.
      4. Training dates
         1. Some scheduling conflicts. Should we move it back to sometime in May?
            1. Chelsea: This might be easier to allow for less stress
            2. Kristie: concerned about the smoothness of the transition in this scenario
            3. We will have two trainings, internal and AFT.
            4. The Heronwood Spring Retreat will work.
         2. Figuring out the employment has been rocky, but is progressing
2. Contract analysis/brainstorm
   1. Jaafar: We should focus on Articles 8-12, which contain all of the protections
   2. Holiday issue
      1. Department was asking student to work extra hours because memorial day was off.
   3. Article 11.2
      1. Needs clarification
      2. We should push for all appointment types to receive the same amount of credits
         1. University will likely try to compromise and reduce hours received
   4. Nora: Would like to read bargaining notes from last time
   5. Some people were denied summer tuition remission because they had split appointments (TA/RA)
      1. University splits remaining hours between the two appointments, which prohibits use.
      2. Needs to be made explicit
   6. Opt-outs should be made more formal than just an email.
   7. Request for an additional benefit
      1. Some TAs in some departments would like access to additional printing
      2. TAs need more personal printing tokens or a TA code
   8. Clarification about parking passes
      1. Use of parking pass in rental vehicles/non-owned transport
3. Provost meeting agenda development
   1. Friday 4/14 12:30-1:30, Seibert
   2. Suggestions
      1. Tuition flexibility, TAU involvement in educating faculty
         1. Not sure if we can talk about it, but we might as well
         2. Open it up generally, couch it so that it is a protection to the university to have TAU representatives at faculty education on TAU matters
         3. Issue with the upper level administrator casting aspersions
      2. New President
         1. What changes do you see him bringing to labor practices and to the university generally
      3. What value do you see TA’s bringing to the university?
      4. How do you feel about the GEO strike and contract negotiation?
      5. What hopes do you have for the new TAU Agreement?
4. Other business
   1. Labor friendly president incoming!

Final meetings!

**Eboard**: Wednesday 4/19 12-1:30, 3309 Friedmann

**OC**: Friday 4/21 4:30-6, 3301 Friedmann

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| **Name** | **Commitment** | **Due** | **Next Steps** |
| Kristie | - email provost agenda | Thu |  |
| Chelsea |  |  |  |
| Jaafar |  |  |  |
| Eric |  |  |  |
| Nora |  |  |  |