

We are still in a state of distance learning and restrictions. The office is attempting to maintain normalcy despite this challenge, and despite the disruption.

- 6.12 Association Council meeting. Whitney DeCamp was voted WMU-AAUP Secretary/Treasurer and Tim Michael the Contract Administrator (CA). A call for members to work with the GO to work on options to layoffs was made. Intellectual property rights with online/distance learning, the early retirement program, and issues around safety with the return to campus in the fall was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for 7.17.
- 6.16 Attended/participated in the Office of Faculty Development discussion about life after retirement. Approximately 35 faculty attended.
- 6.16 Meeting with Faculty Senate leadership. Discussed finding common ground we could work together on. Systemic and institutional racism and more specifically the potential for a common read and author presentation for campus. The work would include buy-in from the administration to assist with funding of the project. The difference between the senate and the union isn't clearly understood; a collaboration on distinguishing the entities is underway. Concerns were raised by the Faculty Senate leadership about civility and professionalism in the workplace.
- **6.18 Meeting with President Montgomery** and Nancy Mansberger (also attended by M St Martin.) Transparency regarding the budget, faculty concerns regarding the development of safety policies and the potential mental/emotional health needs of the university community in the fall and sufficient support were discussed. He will respond to us about the status of the Sindecuse faculty after reaching out to the VP of Academic Affairs. President Montgomery spoke about the budget challenged with the unknown enrollment figures and anticipated state fund shortfall. Most institutions are submitting a continuing budget rather than new budget. We talked about the potential collaboration on the institutional racism project previously discussed with the Faculty Senate; he is interested in continuing the discussion. Another meeting is in the process of being scheduled.
- **6.19 Meeting with the Jan Van Der Kley and Nancy Mansberger** (led by T. Michael). Discussion of data requests for the alternatives to layoffs subcommittee. A clearer picture will be available early July. Asked about the potential of a line of credit to assist in the deficit; not an effective tool because it requires continuous payment beginning immediately (more useful as a short-term immediate tool.)
- **6.23 Provost meeting.** Discussion of budget, early retirement incentive, a tool for determining method of course delivery available for faculty.
- **6.24 Officers meeting** to prepare
- **6.24 Webinar** for mental health coping strategies
- **6.24 Preparation** of eNews for the chapter
- Daily communication with members, staff, officers via email, Zoom meetings or phone calls

It is my pleasure to be of service to our Chapter and I welcome open communication for concerns and comments.

An important thank you to our officers and staff for working collaboratively during this difficult time.

Respectfully submitted

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