

President's Report (1.24 - 2.14.20)

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- Holding regular office hours/meetings
- Ongoing meetings/personal communication with members
- Signature for payments
- Membership communication – personal messages/cards, etc.
- 1.24 Employee council luncheon – attended by PIO, TAU, and 1.24 Fourth Friday Happy Hour. Nearly 30 members were in attendance, including several that were first timers. Members do find the time to mingle valuable, with a lot of conversation related to learning about others on campus. “How can we do this more?” “Why isn’t there a faculty lounge on campus?”
- 1.31 Meeting with Ed Martini about the upcoming announcement about EUP and the changes ahead. On 2.14, the campus will be notified about the changes to EUP followed by purposeful canvassing of the current EUP staff to departments to learn more of what they expect/want to see with the changes. Faculty Development will be out of EUP and funding will be purposeful. Up until this time, Faculty Development has been poorly funded; this change is in response to the Provost’s desire for improvement.
- 2.5 Wellness Committee meeting
- 2.7 All day meeting at the AFL-CIO building in Lansing, Michigan. Chapter leadership from EMU, KVCC, Wayne, attended with Northern Mich and Oakland on skype. C Parrish (Wayne St), immediate past president provided included the current financials and most recent expenditures; the balance was significantly different from anticipated. We have requested the statements, and at the meeting it was stated that were readily available to share. Wayne is not in favor, KVCC is on the fence, but the remainder of the representatives are in favor of resurrecting the Michigan Conference. April 18th was set as a date for the conference; an agenda will be developed. At the meeting, the constitution and bylaws will be overhauled and officers voted in. The location will most likely be at either Wayne or EMU as both are an easy flight from the UP. There are a few active conferences that will be contacted for best practices. The common shared interests include 1.) Higher Education funding, 2) Enrollment issues, 3) Communication about challenges at the negotiation table, 4) General Communication of issues at the various institutions. We also talked about the education of our membership to understand the role of the National AAUP.
- 2.10 Montague House Coffee – Several members and one AC representative attended. Discussed the process of the negotiation campaign, the development of tools to gather information from the members, and basis of visiting department meetings. The basis of collecting personal non-work emails and how to activate the membership was validated by attendees.
- 2.11 We Talk: Embracing Free Speech and Civil Discourse