

President's Report
Cathryn Bailey
July 24- Aug 6

- planned and facilitated an Officers Meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and a special Association Council meeting
- composed (or assisted) in composing messages to the administration and to the Chapter about various issues, including about campus pandemic safety, and negotiations-related concerns
- responded to and directed numerous member (and retiree) questions and concerns by phone, Zoom, email, and in person about, e.g., negotiations, pandemic safety, salary equity, and more (including faculty from CAS, HCoB, Health and Human Services, and Aviation)
- supported Chapter communication efforts, for example, on the blog and on social media
- responded to multiple and various queries from the media about matters of concern to the Chapter, e.g., pandemic safety and negotiations
- collaborated with staff and with the negotiation team to direct effective outreach efforts and relationship-building initiatives with members, including preparations for a Chapter social event
- remained in contact with the heads of other employee groups about issues of shared concern, especially important as several of us are involved in contract negotiations with WMU
- interfaced on a number of issues with the WMU administration, for example, information requests and grievance matters, as appropriate and/or required by the Chapter president
- worked closely with other officers to support their ability to be responsive to member questions and concerns, including with the grievance process in ways appropriate to the Chapter president; helped get newer officers oriented and up to speed
- worked to address ongoing questions related to Montague operations, and Chapter policies and procedure
- interfaced with appropriate external consultants to secure information about various legal and financial questions
- explored strategies for enhancing the Chapter's transparency, information flow, and communication norms, all of which will be ongoing efforts
- remained in close contact with the team about various issues, attending meetings with them as appropriate