



Chapter meeting tomorrow: Friday, April 14. All bargaining-unit faculty encouraged to attend. Agenda items include a report from our WMU-AAUP bargaining team on their progress at the table and discussion of how faculty can support the team and help them get us the best possible contract. Friday, April 14, 1:30 p.m., in 208 Bernhard.

Rally to support the WMU-AAUP bargaining team April 24. The semester may be winding down, but contract negotiations are just starting to heat up! Before the faculty disperses for the summer, we need a strong show of support for our team as they prepare to bargain economic articles beginning next month. A large turnout will send a strong message to our team that the faculty is behind them and to the administration that we are ready to take action as needed. Take a break from your grading, bring your signs, and let's show the campus community what solidarity looks like. Monday, April 24, at Montague House, 2:30 p.m. Park at the Little Theater or WMU lot 10. (Please don't park at the med school. They are not nice about it.)

Sign-making events April 17 and 18 at Montague House. Got an artistic flair? Contract articles you'd like to highlight? Messages of support for our WMU-AAUP bargaining team? Stop by Montague House Monday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, or Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon to help us make signs. We'll have all the supplies on hand, so come on by and help us get ready for the April 24th rally and other events and actions that may become necessary this summer. Easy parking in

the WMU-AAUP lot behind Montague House.

Sabbatical proposal workshops April 20 and April 26. Want to learn how to craft a strong sabbatical proposal? If you are considering applying for a sabbatical next year, you are encouraged to attend one of these interactive workshops led by WMU-AAUP Contract Administrator Matthew Mingus and CAS Associate Dean Keith Hearit. It's a great way to kickstart your proposal development in advance of the September 15 submission deadline. The workshops are Thursday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 26, both from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in 207 Bernhard. No reservation is required.

Call for nominations for WMU-AAUP Grievance Officer. It's true: Our indefatigable grievance officer, Dr. John Saillant, will step down later this year after four years of service to the WMU-AAUP. What will we do without him? Miss him a ton, no doubt, but this is a great opportunity for a contractually-minded colleague who has a passion for justice to join the WMU-AAUP leadership team. The deadline for nominations, including self-nominations, is August 1, 2017. The grievance officer receives release time during the academic year and is eligible for possible summer stipend. [Click here for the job description.](#)

Next Fourth Friday Happy Hour is April 28 at Arcadia Brewing Co. As our contract negotiations continue, this is an opportunity to enjoy the company of faculty colleagues, build solidarity, and discuss our progress at the table in a fun and family-friendly environment. As always, for dues-paying members, your first drink is on us, whether yours is beer, wine, or soft drink. Arcadia Brewing Company, 701 E. Michigan Avenue, 5-6pm. (If the weather's nice, parking may be a challenge, so use the overflow lot across the street as needed.)

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