

Fellow Faculty,

I hope that you have been enjoying your Labor Day Weekend so far. As promised at the President's breakfast, I am just dropping you a quick note to let you know what has occurred this past week with APSCUF-KU. I am sending this to both union and non-union members, because some of the issues may be of interest to you as well. I am also hoping that maybe some of you haven't had a chance to get your union cards into the APSCUF office yet. :)

This week was busy. Executive Committee met this Tuesday for over two hours. We discussed such topics as the new SRI, our distinguished service awards, our new member social, the audit, some building issues, the University Budget, and our upcoming Legislative Assembly. As I had discussed during the breakfast, APSCUF had requested budget numbers from the administration for the past five years. We have received those numbers and will be looking at them closely. We also will be distributing an SRI report from our SRI Task force through Chairnet in September. I ask that you discuss this within your departments by the October Rep. Council Meeting, so that we can discuss it and vote on it at that point. Due to lack of time, Executive Committee scheduled another meeting for this Tuesday, just to talk about General Education. We will be reviewing the draft that has been giving to chairs, to make sure there are no contractual issues.

I had my monthly meeting with President Cevallos on Tuesday. We discussed the state Budget and its effect on the University as well as various issues mentioned before, such the new SRI and General Education. Until the State Budget is passed, it is tough to know exactly what the economic impact will be on our university.

Mike Gambone is our new membership chair and has been organizing us into a structure that better allows us to deal with union issues as they arise. He has organized building captains that will be responsible for issues that arise in their respective buildings. The captains will report issues to him so he can send them through the appropriate union channel or committee to get resolved. This will be a big help to us when we start preparing for negotiations next year. Make sure you know who your building captain is.

Just a reminder that Steve Hicks will be on Campus next week and will be attending Representative Council. Even if you are not a member of rep council, feel free to attend this meeting as a union member where you can meet him and ask questions on your own.

That is all for now. Enjoy the day tomorrow and I will be in touch next week.

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