Happy Holidays and a Healthy, Prosperous, Peaceful New Year To all!

12/11/06 General Meeting

The meeting came to order in Lecture Hall B at approximately 12 noon. 25 members were present for all or part of the meeting.

1. MCCC President Joe LeBlanc addressed the group about the MCCC priorities for this year.
   He is generally positive about Governor-elect Patrick and his positions on public higher education. MCCC priorities include
   - Establishing a task force to work on reaching the 75th percentile classification agreement (seeks 1-2 reps from each campus)
   - Strategic action
   - WEP/GPO/Social Security equity for people who have spent significant time contributing to Social Security
   LeBlanc urged members to get involved, the officers of our local chapter can’t do everything. The MCCC is also developing a new member orientation format and LeBlanc will come back for a meeting for members who have joined in the last 1-2-3 years(s). MCCC is also planning regional DCE meetings for the 4200 DCE members.

   In response to a question, if the governor does not sign the bill to fund our contract before he leaves office, it would be referred to Gov. Patrick who would resubmit. LeBlanc seemed confident we could see raises by the last pay period in January.

   Asked what the MCCC should look like in 10-12 years, responses included equity for professional staff, improve conditions for part timers. Professional staff asked how the 10-12 year period could be reduced to obtain equity, response was that some items are contractual and would have to wait until next contract negotiations.

   2. Members were queried about the process for selecting a new Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. Members present urged search committee representatives to require strong academic (teaching) experience and ample opportunity for CCCCA members to participate in the process/interviews/etc.

   The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 pm.
I met with MCCC Grievance Director Dennis Fitzgerald and fellow grievance coordinators from around the state on Wednesday, December 13th in Worcester. Two petitions were certified for arbitration, and one was not certified. Training sessions were conducted and working copies of the new contract were distributed. Final printed copies of the new contract will be out early in the spring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
In Solidarity,
Dan McCullough, CCCCA Grievance Coordinator

MAKE A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR UNION IN 2007!!

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