



Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Go to class on your "final" day

I just finished grading my finals! I'm one of those professors who give a performance final. It takes several days, so I can't leave it to the end. But I will be in class Dec. 18, the day Pace has scheduled for my "final." My appeal to Provost Williams-Lubitz was left unanswered. Her Assistant forwarded me a copy of the memo sent out last August that listed finals as class dates. All those years of precedent mean nothing. ***So if you are someone who gives a paper or a performance in lieu of an exam, I suggest you go to class.***

Now to the good news ...

Scholarship Support Fund

This semester we did not use all of the money in the Scholarship Support Fund. So if you are presenting at a conference or Chairing a panel at a conference, please submit a request for funding. It is only a total of \$600, but it helps. The money left over from the Fall will be carried over to the Spring. So chances are good that you will receive the funding. [CLICK HERE](#) for the application.

Faculty Lounge Renovation

The renovation of the 3rd floor Faculty Room in Pace Plaza, Lower Manhattan, is underway. As promised, the coffee service continued. The Grand Opening is Feb. 4 at 2:30PM. Please put it on your schedule and plan to come. If you do not have a key to the Faculty Room, please contact Angel Ramos at 212-346-1707 to get a key made. I would like to thank Adelia Williams-Lubitz, Amy Forrester and Pummi Bais for their work on this project. It was a true collaboration between Administration, Buildings and Grounds, full time faculty and Adjunct faculty.

Contract Negotiations

We are working very hard on a contract proposal to submit to Pace. We had two planning sessions over the summer, and an all-



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day Executive Board session last Saturday. We will have a meeting of the Negotiation Committee January 23 to review the red-lined proposal. We expect to begin talks shortly after the start of classes.

Petition for School Supply Deduction

Finally, many of us spend a great deal on supplies over the semester. Just think of paper and ink! I received this note from an Adjunct. You might consider following her example:

"I just wrote my senators urging them to pass a \$250 tax deduction for teachers who spend money out of their own pockets for classroom supplies. Will you do the same?"

[CLICK HERE](#) to write your senator!

As you work to complete your grades, please know that your union is there to support you. Sometimes we win - we just won a raise for an Adjunct who was unfairly deprived of even her guaranteed raise. And sometimes we lose - I will be in class Dec. 18. But we keep fighting.

And to those who passed up our holiday get-together, you missed great conversation ... and great cake!



Happy and Restful Holidays to Everyone!

In Solidarity,
Barbara Lerner
President
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Remember that you can find a wealth of information and resources at www.uafponline.org.

