



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back! We all hope the break was restful and productive for you. There was no break in union activity since the problems continue whether or not classes are in session.

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Our greatest problem continues to be the Math Department where stringent rules are being applied in an attempt to standardize courses. Exams are being scrutinized and syllabi brought into conformity with one another. We believe this is setting a dangerous precedent. Your union is meeting continually to keep these changes as limited as possible. We scored a small victory when the department released a document outlining which of their suggestions are required and which are simply that, a suggestion. This is only one department - most of us are not affected. But all of us should care. If one professor's academic freedom is impinged, all of us are in danger.

It is with regret that I must announce Elliot Hearst's resignation as Secretary of the union. He has done an excellent job and will be missed. We will be posting an announcement about replacing him after our January meeting. This might be an opportunity for you to assume a leadership in your union.

We are still working on the Faculty Room coffee issue. Pace claims their lowest bid is \$12,000. It is so high because Pace believes supplies go missing. We are looking for a less expensive provider. It is a shame that a tradition of so many decades is not being continued. We have succeeded in getting water in the new Adjunct offices of 41 Park Row. Now, what about a microwave!

Finally, let me alert you that Pace seems to be becoming more and more rigid in enforcing policies. A professor is being disciplined as I write this for changing the date of his final without approval from his Chair. Someone actually came around on the final session to check that every professor was in class giving a final. This professor was unable to make that class and had scheduled his final on another date with the agreement of his class. He taught the correct number of classes. In fact, he taught three extra review classes. The only problem was the date.

Make sure you are aware of best practices and that you include them in your teaching.

In solidarity,
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