

Solidarity Sunday August 2, 2020

The disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic make it important that we, the faculty and librarians of Utica College, continue our discussions and dialogue for the benefit of our community. Therefore, the AAUP-UC offers these Solidarity Sunday responses to questions we received.

What is happening with effects bargaining?

The AAUP-UC and Utica College negotiating teams met on Tuesday, July 28, where effects bargaining proposals and the early retirement proposal were discussed. The College is still preparing information the AAUP-UC has requested that is necessary for effects bargaining. It is our hope that there will be more forward movement in effects bargaining this coming week when Utica College and the AAUP-UC negotiators meet on Wednesday, August 5.

I'm getting tested on campus on Monday, August 3. What information do I have to provide?

President Casamento sent an updated release form on July 31, 2020, that is required for testing. Use this form, not the earlier release form emailed to you on July 27, 2020. There is also a medical intake form from Primary Urgent Care. You do not need to fill out all of the information on the medical intake form as, per President Casamento's July 31 email, "with regard to the medical information intake form [sent on July 27], employees need only complete the information they feel comfortable sharing."

Do I have to use the Engage platform for my fall courses?

To make it easier for students, when they log into their online courses, all of their courses will be on Engage. If your pedagogical decision is to use another service, please place a link to that service in the Engage shell for your course.

I feel that I am being pressured by an administrator. What should I do?

Please communicate with AAUP-UC Grievance Officer Kirstin Walker, or any member of AAUP-UC's leadership (below), if you feel pressured into doing something that does not feel right. We have an established collective bargaining agreement that identifies what Utica College has agreed to as our responsibilities. Those responsibilities may only change based on an agreement between Utica College and AAUP-UC.

TAKING ACTION

The CNY Labor Agency, which is affiliated with the CNY Labor Council (of which the AAUP-UC is a member), is having a "Back to School Drive Supply Drive." Regardless of whether area schools have instruction in person or virtually, these supplies are greatly needed by many local children. Please contact Enesa at 315-735-6101 or email cnylaboragency@gmail.com for more information. Also, please check out the flier on page 3 of today's Solidarity Sunday.

Thanks to Jeff Miller for alerting us to the free webinar about Weingarten Rights. You can register for the webinar here: https://www.labornotes.org/weingarten

With the start of August, there will be more activity on campus. We urge you to take prudent safety precautions as you return. Safety is a primary theme in our effects bargaining with Utica College, and those negotiations are continuing.

Don't forget, if you have not yet done so, we ask that you provide us with a non-UC email address and, if you are comfortable, your cell phone number so we can update our membership records. Please send this information to Paul MacArthur at: aaup_uc@yahoo.com.

In Solidarity,

Adam Pack President, AAUP-UC

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Let's go! GET READY FOR SCHOOL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AUGUST 1-15 2020

We are accepting **new** items such as:

- Pencils/pens
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Looseleaf
- Scissors
- Backpacks (new or gently used)
 - & more!

Please contact Enesa at 315-735-6101 or by email cnylaboragency@gmail.com to schedule a drop off or pick up.

