



Solidarity Sunday August 30, 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. Today's Solidarity Sunday includes reminders on a few important issues.

What is the deadline for me to exclude my Spring 2020 Student Opinionnaires on Teaching (SOOTs)?

The deadline to exclude your Spring 2020 SOOTs from any future materials for consideration of reappointment, tenure, promotion, and/or professional development evaluation procedure, is Tuesday, September 1, 2020. As noted in the Provost's August 18, 2020 email to the faculty, "If you choose to exclude your Spring 2020 SOOTS from all evaluation processes, please notify Academic Affairs at provost@utica.edu by September 1st." We recommend you also copy that message to Adam Pack (apack@utica.edu).

I DO want my Spring 2020 SOOTs to be part of future evaluations. What do I need to do?

Nothing.

Can I exclude just one or two of my classes from my Spring 2020 SOOTs?

No. You can either exclude all of your Spring 2020 SOOTs or keep all of them. You may not choose which class opinionnaires you would like to keep and which class opinionnaires you would like to omit.

If I choose to exclude my Spring 2020 SOOTs, can that be held against me?

No. You cannot be subject to any negative future repercussions in evaluations, sabbatical applications, promotions, reappointments, tenure, or any other decisions for choosing to exclude your Spring 2020 SOOTs.

What do I do if I find my classroom is over capacity?

Every classroom has a "Mask Up and Maintain Social Distance" sign outside of it that lists the maximum occupancy for the room. This maximum occupancy number is the total number of people who can be in that room. This total occupancy limit includes both students and the faculty member(s) teaching the course. If the total number of people in your classroom exceeds the maximum occupancy, email your school dean immediately and copy both Adam Pack (apack@utica.edu) and Kirstin Walker (kfwalker@utica.edu) on that email.

My classroom does not have a maximum occupancy sign, what do I do?

If your classroom does not have a maximum occupancy sign, contact your school dean immediately and copy that email to Adam Pack and Kirstin Walker.

Where can I find all the details about excluding my SOOTs, extending my tenure clock, and the other things we agreed to with the administration this summer?

The complete Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is on the AAUP-UC website, in all its legally phrased glory, at:

<https://aauputicacollege.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/proposed-moa-6-9-20.pdf>

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

In Solidarity,

Adam Pack
President, AAUP-UC

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