



Greetings «First_Name»,

I hope you're doing well and that you had a nice break!

You may have heard the news: Work-to-Rule is over, so college activities and committees are once again running as usual. This also means that I'll be sending you emails again! Work-to-Rule was a campaign run by the MCCC union for full-time faculty members as they negotiated their contract for benefits, pay and contract language. To help reach a fair agreement, the union decided to slow down college work by only performing the minimum job requirements outlined in their contracts. The union has reached an agreement, so Work-to-Rule is over. While this didn't necessarily impact our part-time faculty work, many college activities and opportunities for part-time faculty came to a halt.

Now that we're back, here are a few items that may be of interest:

Academic Integrity Focus Group

Faculty are needed to join a one-hour focus group on academic integrity at MCC on either April 7 or April 11 from 2-3pm. Participants will discuss the prevalence of cheating and plagiarism, including methods, frequency, and enforcement. Faculty will be paid \$35 for their time. Limited seats available. Register by e-mailing newellr@middlesex.mass.edu. Click [here](#) for more information.

Minigrant Opportunities

Did you know that minigrants are available to part-time faculty members? The goal of the MCC Minigrant Program is to support full and part-time faculty and professional staff members in researching and developing or improving curricula and/or services that will have a direct impact on students. Minigrants fund projects that will help you to redesign courses and improve student success. You are funded for work you do over the summer and/or through the following academic year.

Paulo Barrio, Assistant Director of Professional Development, is holding open office hours for those interested in pursuing minigrant opportunities:

Mon 4/11: 9am-4pm L-TLRC

Thurs 4/14: 11am-2pm B-TLRC

Visit Paulo during any of these times to learn more about minigrant opportunities and the application process. For more information, also visit the Professional Development website:

<https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/professionaldevelopment/minigrants.aspx>

NEEAN Conference @ Holy Cross

There will be a NEEAN conference on Friday April 1, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hogan Conference Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. The conference title is "Here Be Dragons: The Landscape of Assessment and What Lies Beyond." The key note speaker will be Donna Heiland, Vice President and Special Assistant to the President of Emerson College. The keynote will be followed by two working sessions. Participants will have an opportunity to attend both sessions. The title of the two sessions are "Learning in the Disciplines: Identifying and Assessing What Matters Most" and "Transparent Assignment Design Enhances Students' Success." For more information, visit this web page: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/professionaldevelopment/neean2016.aspx>.

Helpful Online Resources

During Work-to-Rule I updated our Adjunct Junction website, and I've added some helpful classroom resources, including information about Atomic Learning, a new professional development resource that is linked in our Blackboard shells. In addition, please see the links to Open Educational Resources and more. Click [here](#) and look under Building Your Course>Helpful Classroom Resources.

As your Part-time Faculty Liaison, I am here to support you! Please feel free to email me with questions, concerns or suggestions at bakerk@middlesex.mass.edu, and don't forget to check out our part-time faculty website: www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction.

Best,

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