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What is the AFA?

It's *your* union, protecting and fighting for the rights of all adjuncts covered under the bargaining agreement between the college and the AFA (anyone teaching at least six LHE's in any of the three previous terms).

This Term's Oakton Board of Trustees Meetings:

November 19 in DP 1506
December 10 in DP 1506
All meet on Tuesdays
at 7:30

Come join us

You are welcome to attend the monthly AFA Board meeting. This month we meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Far Side Room in Des Plaines.

Welcome new member Paul Gross

On website- new fillable payroll deduction form

Can get paper from OCC; no reimbursement for stuff you buy

No more reimbursements

Minimum wage legislation?

Scam!

Fraudulent letters have been received - widespread unemployment fraud scheme nationwide. If you have not applied for unemployment but you have received a debit card or an unemployment insurance finding letter: you are probably a target of this fraud. If you have received this type of letter, immediately report this online or call IDES Illinois Department of Employment Security at 800-814-0513. Select Option 1 for claimants and then option 5 to report identity theft. Don't activate the debit card and do have your credit report checked for possible suspicious activity and post a fraud alert.

This past October, two MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) were signed by the college and AFA. One is regarding *Adjunct Faculty Specialized Content-Area Training.* During this Spring and the following Fall terms, adjuncts teaching 3 LHEs or more can get a mentor to help them teach their content area on-line. Contact X if you are in need of help. The contact hours can be used as evidence of your continued eligibility. This is not intended for help with D2L. If D2L help is needed, contact CPD, D2L Assist, the On-Line Learning staff, or the Center for Teaching Innovation.

Mentors are still needed)? And are paid at .022 LHE:s per hour.

D2L Assist, Online Learning staff, the Center for Teaching Innovation.

The second MOU is regarding observations and pertains to the 2020-2021 Academic year.

The regular observation process applies to instructors teaching face-to-face classes. If you are teaching an on-line synchronous class – but normally teach face to face, you can choose not to be observed for one year or until you do teach in person. You may also choose to be observed on-line.

If you normally teach on line asynchronously, you will follow the regular observation process.

HELP ! I want to –

Get a mentor to help teach my course content on-line.

Go

to: <https://forms.gle/tH3wXpDY98dTDn9K7> and fill out the Google form or contact Mary Johannesen-Schmidt, mjohanne@oakton.edu

Get some help on the mechanics of using D2L or problems working with D2L –

go to d2lassist@oakton.edu, or make use of the D2L Faculty Tutorials: <https://www.softchalkcloud.com/lesson/serve/x8teB9zRplP4v1/html>

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Get help teaching with D2L.

Contact Kayla Mitchell at kmitchell@oakton.edu. Kayla is the new IT person who can specifically help you using D2L to teach.

***sit down* with someone one-on-one who I can consult with** on teaching, curriculum development, and instructional design help:

Contact the Coordinator for Center for Teaching Innovation, Mary Johannesen-Schmidt, mjohanne@oakton.edu

Find out tools I can use for video making, group activities on line, etc, etc.

Go to "Making the Jump to Remote

Learning": <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1INwqMBF6Mmd - Duzgrm3iRRUcCCxUvTR/view?usp=sharing>

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