



Adjunct News

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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).

Spring 2022 Payroll Dates

March 4 and 18,
April 1, 15, and 29,
May 13 and 27

AFA dues are taken out from the 5th and 6th pay checks

OCC Board of Trustee Meetings:
on March 15,
April 26, May 24, June 28.

You are welcome to come

to AFA Board meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30-12/Zoom

AFA Open Office Hours:
1st Fridays from 9-10 on Zoom

Contract News

After a marathon meeting of 14 hours on January 24 between the college and the AFA, the new contract is nearly finished. There is agreement between the negotiating teams of the college and the AFA on principle and substance; right now the exact language of the contract is being decided, as it is a legal document. Then the final document is submitted for typing and proofreading. After March 4, the AFA will begin holding informational town halls to share what has been negotiated and to answer questions.

Adjunct faculty who are not members but wish to attend sessions may do so but may not vote on the contract unless they join the union. Go to the AFA website (oaktonadjuncts.com) and sign up.

Members will vote on the contract sometime afterward; it is hoped that the contract can then go before the Oakton Board of Trustees at their April 26 meeting for ratification. Just a reminder: only members of the AFA can vote on whether to accept the contract or not.

Pritzker Vetoed House Bill 2778, but...

The governor vetoed the Illinois House bill that would have required public school districts and colleges to give paid leave for workers who take days off related to COVID-19. This includes quarantining and caring for children. However, talks between the governor and NEA resulted in a compromise replacement bill focusing on staff who are vaccinated. Under the new proposal, only fully vaccinated school employees will qualify for paid leave and restoration of sick days. Hourly wage workers who have had to miss work due to a school closure because of Covid will also get paid. Dan Montgomery of the Illinois Federation of Teachers said, "We applaud Gov. Pritzker for his steady support of science and good public health and thank him for working with us to provide teachers, school staff and higher education professionals with critical resources that will help them keep kids safe and schools open."

Questions about How to Get the Best out of D2L?

Here are the March sessions being offered virtually by CPD on using elements of D2L:

Assignments & Discussions:	March 14, Monday, 5-6
Gradebook:	March 2, Wednesday, 1-2
Honorlock:	March 1, Tuesday, 2-5 March 31, Thursday
Video note:	March 3, Thursday, 11-12

There are also Q&A sessions related to D2L tools, features and the tools integrated into D2L such as TurnItIn, Honorlock, and Big Blue Button:

March 10, Thursday, 11-12
March 30, Wednesday, 2-3

All of the above require registration through CPD.

Also available are videos of the Orientation Week sessions along with links to materials shared there.

You Can Learn and Get Paid ...

for attending this seminar starting in March being offered by the CPD:

- **Supporting AAPI Students: Getting Started.** This on-line synchronous seminar on Asian American and Pacific Islander students is being presented by Dear Aunaetitrakul and Mohamed Mehdi, meeting on four Tuesdays, from 2:15 to 4:45 p.m. from March 8 to April 19.

An 'Artful' Spring Break?

The Art Institute in Chicago will be free through March 17 on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays for Illinois residents. To receive free admission tickets, Illinois residents *must reserve them online* in advance. Resident status will be verified using the zip code associated with the billing address provided.

***Condolences to two members
who have lost their fathers recently***

Sun Choi, who teaches drawing and painting.
Mary Obernesser, who teaches biology.

Do you have news to share with us? Please send an email to Laberendsen@gmail.com

