Faculty Center A newsletter for faculty and librarians

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Bowman Faculty Center Space Expanded

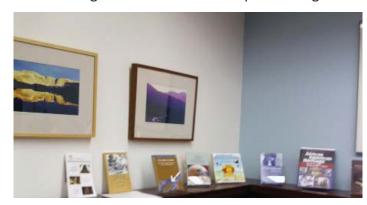
By Paul LeSage

After vigorous lobbying in behalf of the faculty and with the co-operation of the administration, the new FC planned for Bowman Hall when it reopens in summer 2105 will now be 900 square feet as opposed to the 600 previously planned for.

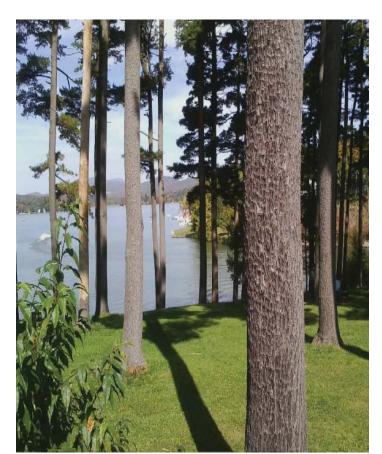
"The use of the Center's space (now housed in Eldridge Hall) has changed," said Faculty Center Director Adrienne Wootters. We now have the Brown Bags lectures, Roundtables, and other events that require more seating."

When completed, the new Center will occupy the Northwest corner of Bowman Hall across from The Boardman's. In addition to its current meeting area, computer stations, comfortable reading section, and TV/DVD viewing area, the new Center will include a kitchen replete with a full size refrigerator, dish washer, and storage space. The current area is about 700 square and does not have running water.

"The Center is a comfortable space and has become very popular. Its use will increase in the future," Wootters said. See the newsletter calendar section for upcoming Center events, and go to The Faulty Center section in Digication for a more complete listing.



Authors' Corner: Faculty Center



Forest for the trees

Photo by Paul LeSage

New Faculty Contract Ratified

With 98 percent in favor, the new faculty contract was ratified by state-wide MSCA members on September 24, Sumi Colligan, president of the MCLA Association has announced. Colligan, Grievance Officer Frances Jones-Sneed, and members of the administration attended a contract workshop at Framingham State on October 22.

Colligan also reported that during the last week of this month she and Michele Either, her co-facilitator of evaluator/evaluation workshops, would be meeting on campus with V.P. Cindy Brown and Dean Monica Joslin to review significant contract changes and ensure shared understandings.

UNION STATION: MCLA Presidential Seach Criteria

Commitment to MCLA's Academic Mission

1. General Background/Qualifications

- a. Is teaching professor with scholarly credentials
- b. Is building a career (in earlier stages)
- c. Articulates meaning of liberal arts/endorses liberal arts

2. Faculty/Academic Program Support

- a. Supports all facets of the liberal arts (humanities, social sciences, STEM) and recognizes ways in which they work in tandem with one another (eg., STEAM the contributions the arts make to STEM disciplines)
- b. Understands that the value of higher education cannot be measured only in how much alums earn
- c. See the academy as a place for the vital exchange of ideas and dialogue among faculty
- d. Maintains and strengthens existing programs, as well as expands programs by providing necessary resources, faculty
- e. Critically articulates/evaluates the meaning of "high impact" experiences
- f. Commits to hiring new faculty, both replacement and expansion
 - g. Commits to diversifying faculty hires
- h. Supports the granting of tenure, promotions and sabbaticals
- i. Finances conference participation and continuing scholarship (research, professional development, etc.)
 - j. Grants faculty academic freedom
 - k. Maintains small class size
 - I. Commits to solving part-timer issues
 - m. Supports the possibility of co-teaching

3. Student support

- a. Commits to the success of students/serves as a good role model
- b. Supports undergraduate research (may benefit faculty as well)
- c. Actively seeks out resources to support students scholarships

d. Commits to diversifying students Commitment to MCLA as Public Institution

4. Fosters strong relationship with local and region community

- a. Supports public events, resource sharing
- b. Demonstrates an awareness of and ability to capitalize on the rich assets that surround the MCLA campus in Berkshire County
- c. Sees higher education as an important partner and convener to foster innovations in current issues in a variety of fields
- d. Supports civic engagement activities, both service-learning and co-curricular
- e. Understands and supports the role MCLA has played in the creative sector of Berkshire County; appreciates the positive impact that the creative industries have had on the local economy, as well as educational and leisure enhancement

5. Understands resource needs of public institution for faculty, students and staff

- a. Actively, responsibly and effectively seeks out funds/donors
- b. Employs skilled grant writers to support faculty, staff, and public initiatives
 - c. Maintains and improves facilities

6. Tells the story of MCLA with passion and commitment

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Faculty Center Events Calendar

Friday, October 17, 3-4:30 p.m.

Brown Bag: Jennifer Zoltanski

Saturday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.

Big Data for Big Problems: Democratizing

STEM Skills

Wednesday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.

Maya Bonatz explains ePay!

Thursday, October 23, 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TED: "The Power of Introverts"

Wednesday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.

Joy of Teaching

Thursday, October 30, 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TED: "Dare to Disagree"



Washington Square Park Albany, N.Y.

Photo Paul LeSage

Thursday, November 6 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TED

Thursday, November 13, 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TFD

Friday, November 14, 3:00 p.m.

Brown Bag: David Langston

Wednesday, November 19, 3:00 p.m.

Joy of Teaching: Information Literacy

Thursday, November 20, 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TED

Thursday, December 4, 12:00 p.m.

Tea with TED

MCLA Speaker Series 2014-15

HARDMAN LECTURE:

Nicholas Kristof

Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. Campus Center Gym

VADNAIS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SERIES:

Dean Cycon

Social Activist and Owner, Dean's Beans

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m. Murdock 218

DUKAKIS PUBLIC POLICY LECTURE SERIES:

Jose Antonia Vargas

Pulitzer-prize winning Journalist & Founder of DefineAmerican.com and Documented Immigrant

Thurs., Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Church Street Center

PUBLIC POLICY SERIES:

Cheryl Jacques

GLBT Civil Rights Leader & Former Mass. Senator

Tues., March 3, 2015, 7 p.m. Murdock 218



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