



GV COTA Newsletter

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To Our Members,

Finally, spring has arrived at Grand Valley! This is the last newsletter for the academic year. We'll start up again in September. If over the summer you think of anything you'd like to see in the newsletter please email Esther Ricco at riccoe@gvsu.edu with your request. Our hope is that you'll find this newsletter informative and that it will give us a way to share information with you on a regular basis throughout the year. Hopefully we can put a little fun in at the same time!

Have a great summer,

Your COTA Executive Board

COTA Executive Board Meetings

May 11, 2006
104 KC

If you would like to know more about how your Executive Board operates, come to one of our meetings. Our next meeting is May 11th, from noon-1:00pm and meets in 104 Kirkhof. If you cannot make it to this meeting, please plan to attend some meetings in our next academic year.



Contract

The 2005-2008 COT Staff Agreement is now available at <http://www.gvsu.edu/hro/>

1. Go to left hand margin;
2. Right click on Policy and Procedure; Union Contracts and Clerical Office and Technical Staff.

To post the 2005-2008 COT Staff Agreement directly to your computer desktop:

1. Go to: <http://www.gvsu.edu/hro/index.cfm?id=338ABAEA-E637-0514-782B937FA6ED4EEB>
2. Right click on Clerical, Office, Technical Staff and select copy shortcut.
3. Go to your desktop, right click again and select paste shortcut.

A paper copy of the 2005-2008 COTA Agreement can be printed at your work station. If you do not have a printer available at your work station or need help with the above directions contact Leslie Smith in Human Resources (smithlesl@gvsu.edu) or 1-2245).

Supervisors will be made aware of two important changes in the Agreement:

12.2.2.C. Use of Vacation Time: If a request to use vacation time is not either granted or denied within ten (10) days of the request, it is considered granted.

12.3.3. F. Usage of Salary Continuation: Instead of one additional day to be used for inclement weather, a staff member may now use up to 8 hours due to inclement weather.

If you have questions regarding the content of the contract and how it applies to you, please contact a member of the bargaining team:

Your COTA Bargaining Team

Coreen Pelton
Jay Zink
Lorna Holland
Cheryl Fischer
Michele Golightly
Kathie Oakes MEA Uniserv Director

Student Appreciation Dessert Day



COTA Members,

To all those that donated time, money and especially the baked goods I just wanted to take a moment and say a **huge thank you**. You made this dessert day a success in Allendale and the Pew Campus. I think from the comments made by our students they truly know how much we appreciate them. We all know that we couldn't do our jobs without them.

Thank you again for all of your contributions!

Michelle Holstege

Fall Luncheon

HOLD THE DATE! The COTA Fall Luncheon will be held on October 26, 2006.

COTA Elections

Thank you to the 117 members who took the time to vote in this year's election. The officers for the 2006-2007 academic year are listed below. Thanks again to those who took the time to vote and a big thanks to those who accepted nominations!

Proud and Strong,

The COTA Election Committee

2006-2007 Executive Board <i>Effective September 1, 2006</i>	
<p>President Coreen Pelton</p> <p>Vice President-Allendale Esther Ricco</p> <p>Vice President-Pew Campus Shawn Evans</p> <p>Secretary Michelle Holstege</p> <p>Treasurer (Bookkeeping) Susan Brunell</p>	<p>Treasurer (Membership) Mary Ann Watters</p> <p>3rd World Representative Oliver Aguilera</p> <p>Grievance Committee Cheryl Fischer, Chair Toni Postema Vicki Helgeson Mary Ann Holcomb</p> <p>MEA Representative Sue Wierzbicki</p>

Reduction in Dues – Leave of Absence

Please be sure to notify Mary Watters, Susan Brunell, or your Building Representative if you will be going on a leave of absence. If you are gone for an entire month, your dues can possibly be reduced. The MEA will only reduce dues if you are gone the entire month. For example: If you start your leave on February 27th and return to work on April 11th, you will owe dues for February and April and it is possible that you will qualify for a reduction for the month of March. You must be gone for the entire month in order to qualify for a reduction. If you work any day in a month, the MEA charges the full amount. In the above example, if the employee had returned on March 31st, the MEA would charge the full amount for both months (February and March), no reduction allowed.

Greeting Cards

If someone in your department is ill, having surgery or there's a death in their family, Deb Barko is more than happy to send them a card. Please contact her with the person's name and address.



Current COTA Building Representatives

Alumni House	Bill Grimaldi	x13859	111 SER
AuSable Hall	Joyce Sullivan	X12170	2170 ASH
Calder Art Center	Barb Farah	x12567	1105 CAC
Commons	Coreen Pelton	X12177	130 COM
Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences	Toni Postema	x13358	200 CHS
Depot	Lori O'Bradovich	x13327	115C DEV
DeVos Center	Lori O'Bradovich	x13327	115C DEV
Eberhard Center	Shawn Evans	x16657	920 EC
Fieldhouse	Connie Ingham	x12470	218 PAD
Henry Hall	Connie Ingham	x12470	218 PAD
Kirkhof Center	Jay Zink	x12607	74 KC
Lake Huron Hall	Erin McGrane	x13336	240 LHH
Lake Michigan Center	Silvia Lichnerowicz	x13910	515 HOL
Lake Michigan Hall	Esther Ricco	x12257	201 LMH
Lake Ontario Hall	Vicki Wenger	x13898	130 LOH
Lake Superior Hall	Cheryl Jones	x12114	210 LSH
Mackinac Hall	Michelle Duram	x13298	1060 A MAK
Manitou Hall	Coreen Pelton	x12177	130 COM
Meijer Campus	Silvia Lichnerowicz	x13910	515 HOL
Muskegon Community College	Silvia Lichnerowicz	x13910	515 HOL
Niemeyer Living Center	Coreen Pelton	x12177	130 COM
Padnos Hall	Connie Ingham	x12470	218 PAD
Performing Arts Center	Barb Farah	x12567	1105 CAC
Service Building	Bill Grimaldi	x13859	111 SER
Student Services Building 1 st Floor	Ann Platt	x13327	150 STU
Student Services Building 2 nd & 3 rd Floors	Wanda Isenga	x13327	150 STU
Traverse City Campus	Silvia Lichnerowicz	x13910	515 HOL
Zumberge Library	Vicki Helgeson	x12630	108 JHZ



A Quote to Ponder...

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

~Robin Williams

