

September 29, 2003

DEANS, DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

RE: AGSE/UAW Labor Agreement Negotiations

At the annual retreat for deans and chairs, Dean Mary Ann Mason announced that the labor agreement covering GSIs, Readers, and Tutors is due to expire and that University and Union representatives had been negotiating since last May over the terms of a successor agreement. The current agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30, and Union representatives have stated that they are not willing to extend the current contract if the negotiations are not completed by October 1.

If the current labor agreement expires, the basic terms and conditions of employment that govern day-to-day employment of GSIs, Readers and Tutors continue. However, union and management rights in the contract will expire. As of today, AGSE/UAW has not announced plans to engage in strike or other concerted activities. In the event of a threatened strike or other concerted activity, we will inform you about the steps to take in order to ensure the delivery of instruction. As Dean Mason advised in August, faculty should take steps to ensure that all grade information is collected routinely throughout the semester in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact Dean Mason if you have questions about the pending negotiations and related matters.

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and Provost