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On Retirement:

The ASPRO lobbyist has not heard any talk of changes being discussed at the capitol. A mandated study on retirement will come out sometime this summer.

For more, see <http://www.channel3000.com/politics/30451142/detail.html>

Also see www.aspro.net

The Wisconsin University Union will be holding sessions to learn facts about retirement at two times:

Monday, March 12 (5 PM) Memorial Union

Monday, March 19 (noon-1 PM) Union South

On the Human Resource Design Project:

Keep up-to-date with news and chats; see <http://hrdesign.wisc.edu>

More information available at the Office of Human Resources site at www.ohr.wisc.edu

On Benefits:

As with retirement, the ASPRO lobbyist has not heard any talk of changes being discussed right now.

On Other Issues and Articles:

Huron Consulting is finishing up Phase 1 of the Efficiency Study and is selecting its second round of projects.

Look here for more information as provided by the study: <http://adminexcellence.wisc.edu/>

http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/education/campus_connection/campus-connection-uw-profs-shed-light-on-alec-s-threat/article_9a783bf0-598e-11e1-bd49-0019bb2963f4.html

Upcoming Events:

February 23 (4 – 5:30 PM) Gary Rhoades (Univ Arizona, author of Academic Capitalism) will be speaking at the Red Gym (*On Wisconsin!* room) on Organizing the University Community.

March 1, Defend the WI Retirement System <http://www.weac.org/pdf/2011-12/defendwrs.pdf>

Open to all current and future WRS participants. Serb Hall; 5101 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. Two sessions: 1:30-3:00 or 5:00-6:30.

March 10, A candidate forum, "Meet the Candidates" (for governor) will be held in the Concourse Hotel Ballroom at 10 a.m.,

A rally will be held at the Capitol at 1 p.m. and speakers at 2 p.m. The GAB (Government Accountability Board) website is helpful. www.gab.wi.gov

March 22, Academic Staff Institute will have some sessions on various issues of interest to staff. Jon Erpenbach will be the keynote speaker. For a list of other speakers see <http://uwmasa.com/>

May 16--Barbara Lawton to speak at MASA spring luncheon. For more information, see <http://uwmasa.com>

Brown bag on job security by PPPC later this spring.

For more on job security:

<http://acstaff.wisc.edu/1680.htm>

<http://acstaff.wisc.edu/>

Other Links:

www.weac.org

FEEDBACK

Are there other issues that concern you? If so, let us know. To join this sub-committee, respond to this email.

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The MASA Awareness and Advisory Sub-Committee. We are a group of MASA members interested in helping MASA members keep informed and involved in issues concerning Madison academic staff.