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Workshop Proposal for The 2018 Academic Chairs Conference

Title of Presentation:

Working with a Unionized Faculty

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Presentation Theme:

Working with Faculty and Administration

Abstract:

Newly appointed supervisors are often concerned when they must oversee the work of employees who are members of a union. This workshop provides some basic information about unions and tips to being a good supervisor or manager in a union environment. The information is appropriate for Chairpersons and Deans.

Keywords:

Unions, supervision, due process, accountability, documentation and counseling

Presentation documents:

Included with this proposal is a draft Power Point presentation that would be used in the workshop. The presentation could be an interactive presentation or a best practices presentation.

This workshop would be appropriate for Chairpersons who will be supervising faculty and/or staff who are members of a Bargaining Unit represented by a union. The information provided could also be helpful to persons at the level of Associate Dean or Dean since they would be in a supervisory role over the employees. The objective of the workshop is to provide Chairpersons with useful tools to help them in their supervisory interactions with faculty members and/or staff members who may be member of a Bargaining Unit represented by a faculty. There will also be some basic information about union operations and Collective Bargaining Agreements shared because many members of Bargaining Units are not familiar with this information and the Chairpersons will need to have some basic understanding of this information so they do not violate any of the agreements that are in place.

The tentative presentation order is the disseminating of information via Power Point slides and any additional handouts provided by the presenter. After the information is shared, two to three scenarios or cases will be shared and workshop participants will be invited to share in commenting on how to handle the situations based upon the information that was presented. Questions and the sharing of experiences from the participants will also be encouraged.