



Workgroup on the Status of Graduate Assistants and Adjunct Faculty

As mandated by the General Assembly, the University System of Maryland has convened a Workgroup on the Status of Graduate Assistants and Adjunct Faculty that will report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than November 1, 2009. The Workgroup currently is considering the economic situation, working conditions and educational role of graduate assistants and adjunct faculty in Maryland. The Workgroup will hold an open forum on August 31, 2009 where it invites members of the public to share their perspectives and suggestions on the status of graduate assistants and adjunct faculty. Individuals wishing to speak at the public forum should familiarize themselves with the charge to the workgroup and the issue areas outlined in the Joint Chairman's budget language that can be found at this link:

http://www.usmd.edu/usm/legislative_relations/JCRLanguage.pdf

The public forum will be held at the offices of the University System of Maryland, 3300 Metzert Road, Adelphi MD 20783 at 1:00pm on August 31. If you would like to participate in the forum, you must sign up by August 25. Each speaker will have five minutes to speak to the Workgroup and may also provide a written statement. If you cannot attend the forum but wish to submit written remarks, please send them to pjhogan@usmd.edu and they will be shared with the Workgroup.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to speak at the forum, please email your name and contact information to pjhogan@usmd.edu.

Directions to the University System Office can be found at <http://www.usmd.edu/usm/directions>.