**LOAD TASK FORCE – SPRING 2015**

Basic story is this:  last year in negotiations, the UF and District agreed to create a Task Force to review every class in the District, looking particularly at LOAD but also related issues, such as class size and facilities.  We created some new lab levels in the contract (including one where labs that take as much work to teach as lecture classes would pay the same as lecture classes).  And we asked that the Task Force both compare classes across our campuses and make recommendations for possible changes.

The District-wide Task Force met and decided to empower local groups to meet with departments.  And we are starting only with science departments.  We have a couple of forms (with a lot of data already supplied by staff), and we will have local task force groups (including two faculty and two managers) meet with the departments in early spring to complete the forms and to see if the science departments recommend changes (to load, class size, or anything related).

At LMC, the Biology Department proposed a couple of meeting times that don't work for Silvester (as Academic Senate President), so we were wondering if you might be available for one of these meetings.  Since proposed changes to courses MIGHT (depending on the nature of the change) eventually need to come to the curriculum committee, you might have some insights that would be useful in our discussion with the department.

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