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Well, up until we got the COVID Update email this afternoon summarizing just about everything, I had a lot to report on! Oh well, I just hope my humor is good today.

Sad/Bad news:

1. Did you know Aphrodite is leaving? Have I mentioned that? Remember our Zoom farewell on Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00. There will be opportunities for speeches and sobbing.
2. On the personnel front, the candidate for Building Coordinator turned us down. What? I know. I am sadder to report that than you know.

Happy/Good news:

1. The Admin Team and Alexa have stepped up and offered support to get us through this time and all the building issues – room reservations, work orders, etc.
 - a. You may have seen Alexa directing movers and getting furniture out of storage and moved back onto the floors. Why?
 - i. All the floors are open and we need seats! I've been amazed at how many more users there are in the building and how they have found the upper floors.
 - ii. And we need the rooms that were full of furniture.
2. We have been given permission to fill Aphrodite's position. We can fill her position but we can't fill her open toed sandals. By the way, did I mention Aphrodite is leaving?

The Step Challenge for the spring is over – here are the final standings.

<https://www.umaryland.edu/media/umb/hrs/wellness/Spring-Hustle-Challenge.pdf>

We were #1 last year and this year, #20. Everybody always goes after the champions. Plus we had some of our best walkers on injured reserve this year with limited mobility. Just sayin' You know it occurred to me that the HSHSL once won the softball championship (remember the Informers?) and then we quit after that. That might be a strategy we should employ.

The UMBrella Coaching program will be taking applications soon:

https://elm.umaryland.edu/announcements/Announcements-Content/Applications-Open-for-UMBrella-Coaching-Program.php?utm_source=The%20Elm%20Weekly%2C%20Week%20of%20July%205%2C%202021

It's a great program that matches small groups up with a "Coach." The small groups meet throughout the year. There are some learning sessions. I believe Sandi Galvez and Everly Brown went through the program. Sorry if I have forgotten anyone else.

I have attached the "Working" survey report. Thanks to the 26 of you who responded and to the 20 of you who want to see it continued. I am trying to think of a natural sunset date for it but for now it will continue. Love the comments and will try to address a new comment/question/suggestion every week. The first one I will address is why the email is called "Working."

1. Because I needed a name?
2. Actually, if you recall, originally it was titled Working with a week number that we had been working from home attached to it. Well, back on September 13 when we reopened and some staff were onsite, I realized we were all working whether at home or onsite so it just became Working. When I am writing at 4:00 on most Friday afternoons, I am not very creative.

Gosh – this got long. Time for humor!

This lakeside dock is made of hickory wood. If it's been raining, caution is advised because it becomes a...



....slippery hickory dock.

Grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change.

The courage to change direction when I see them coming.

And the wisdom to not try to smack some sense into them when I can't avoid them.
Amen

3am *thoughts*

9 times out of 10, when I
lose something, it's because I
put it away.

Stay safe and well!
Have a great weekend –
Best,
M.J.

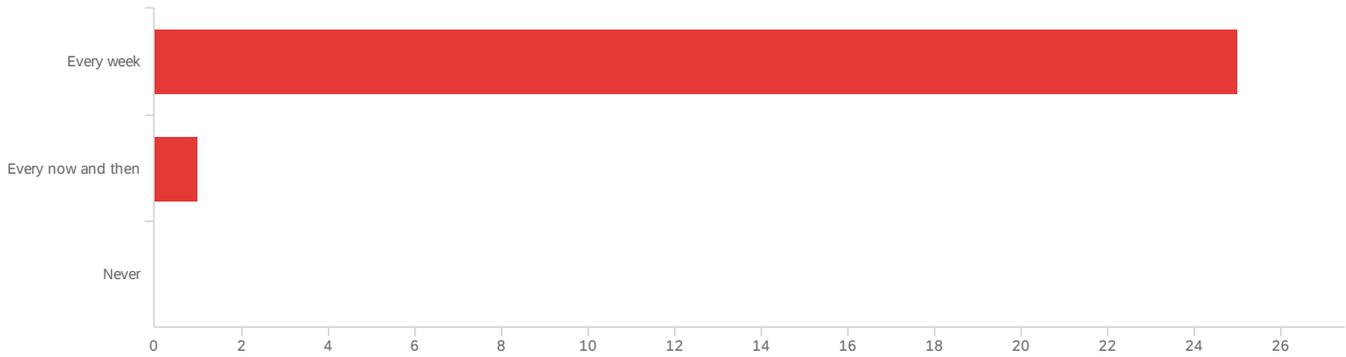
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Default Report

Working Email Survey

July 6, 2021 6:35 AM MDT

Q2 - I read the weekly Working email from MJ:

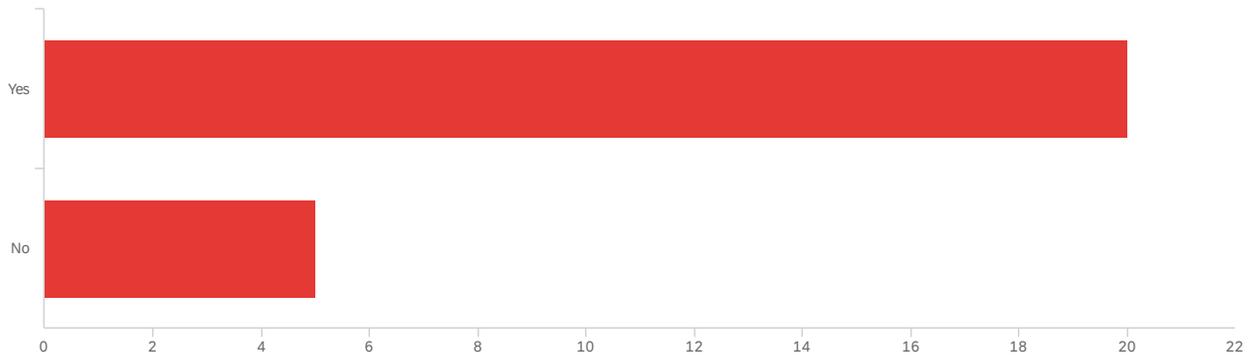


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1	I read the weekly Working email from MJ:	1.00	2.00	1.04	0.19	0.04	26

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Every week	96.15% 25
2	Every now and then	3.85% 1
3	Never	0.00% 0
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Q3 - Would you like to see the weekly Working email continue?



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1	Would you like to see the weekly Working email continue?	1.00	2.00	1.20	0.40	0.16	25

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	80.00% 20
2	No	20.00% 5

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Q5 - What do you like best about the Working email?

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Updates from the different departments

The feeling of being more connected with our Director

A lot of good updates regarding the HSHSL and UMB

what MJ is up to.

Keeping me informed on what is going on in the library. Accomplishments that coworkers has made.

Honestly, it let me keep track of what day it was at some points in 2020.

sometimes I learn about things going on in the library that I wasn't aware of. The humor appreciated during the pandemic.

I loved the Working email during COVID telework but it's also interesting and fun now.

Keeping up with things going on in different departments and on campus (without sifting through information I don't need)

it is good to hear your personal perspective on things as our top leader and to get a feeling of connection with you which i believe galvanizes the team. Also the consistency sets a great example for all of us to see that there is a huge benefit to staying consistent

the cartoons

During the pandemic, it's a helpful way to know what was going on in other divisions in a way that's not possible when you can't do hallway chitchat or anything similar.

Nothing

Updates

Updates on what is going on with everyone in the library

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The humor

Makes me feel more connected to the library as a whole

Reminds me that it's almost the weekend!

Stuff

It's a nice way to wrap up the week and pull together all of the changes that are happening around campus.

What do you like best about the Working email?

Friday afternoon ritual and news about colleagues I don't speak with often in the course of work

Synthesized Must Knows

informative

The humor

Q6 - What do you find most useful?

What do you find most useful?

The regular communications from around the library, I feel more connected

All of the information is useful. Love the encouraging messages and fun notes

Helpful information I may have missed

what's happening out of the department.

Keeping me updated on what is going on around the campus

The highlights of what other divisions are doing/wrestling with were great shares!

Not sure

A short synopsis of what's going on - quick catch up.

Staying informed during pandemic

Information about upcoming activities and knowing what the pulse of things is from your perspective. Also recognizing the staff for accomplishments lifts morale. Being recognized is super important.

The summaries of all-HSHSL business that require my attention. It can be easy to forget about one or two of these, so I appreciate having them re-capped.

updates on university covid response

Nothing

Updates

General information and links

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The overview of happenings in the departments.

Reading fun things others in the library are doing. New certifications they're getting. I also like hearing any tidbits about campus news in these emails because it's library specific and not generalized for the campus.

Knowing things that are going on around campus and what others in the library have been up to.

Stuff

Interpretation of campus policies for HSHSL

What do you find most useful?

Curation and reinforcement of some of the UMB-wide info that is scattered across different email sources

The going ons within the library

information / news. Some humor helps too

The humor

Q7 - Is there anything you would like to see more of?

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MJ's weekly goal and how it is progressed.

Shared insight to what's going on with the rest of campus.

More of an overview of what all the units are doing, not just a few. A short summary of news from all the Divisions, maybe?

I think it's just right - appreciate the good cheer!

Staff Accomplishments

shout outs and praise. lift morale!

Nothing comes to mind.

No

na

Nope, think it has a good mix.

no

The humor

Q8 - Comments?

Comments?

While I do like weekly, perhaps a monthly message would be just as valuable?

I think this was great to have during the pandemic and I enjoyed the information and humor. I also appreciated the effort that M.J. put into them. However, I don't think they are as necessary at this point and going forward. I would like to see more opportunities for the Divisions share what they are doing, however.

Thanks for all you do, M.J.!

i dont understand the name choice for the email. i wonder if it means something to you?! whats the deal?

I love the cartoons and jokes included at the end; the cornier the better!

the email only includes some activities in the library - but misses things and leaves some people out.

Look forward to it every week!

I don't think this email needs to go on forever, but things are still very much in flux and it is helpful to get us all on the same page.

I also appreciate the jokes and cartoons! Thanks for the time you've put into these emails over the last year +

It is brilliant to have humor every week!

End of Report