Research officers town hall MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 at CUMC

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Dear Fellow Research Officer:

The Research Officers Committee (ROC) is already your elected representative in negotiations with the University Administration relating to terms and conditions of academic employment, including, but not limited to, promotion, leaves, retirement, academic freedom, academic advancement, benefits, housing, conduct and discipline, and other perquisites.

This afternoon the ROC presented our annual report to the University Senate. We highlighted our 15 years of successful bargaining with the University Administration to improve working conditions for all Research Officers at Columbia. You will find the presentation here.

For everyone with questions, we will be holding a town hall this coming Monday, October 1st, 12:00-2:00 PM, in the Atchley-Loeb Conference Room, Presbyterian Hospital, 8th Floor, Room #8-107 East, 622 West 168th Street. The town hall will include a brief update on the ROC’s 15 years of strong leadership and then open for questions and answers. Pizza will be provided.

Some of the many advantages the ROC leadership provides Research Officers include:

- Proven track record of greatly lasting improvements in working conditions.
- Established postdoc resources to enable their future success.
- Rapid response when Federal or State regulations change.
- Advancing research and education, the cores of Columbia’s dual mission.
- Successful advocacy of numerous initiatives for Research Officers.
- Shaping new policies that affect Research Officers at Columbia.
- Preventing unilateral decisions by the Administration.

We, your elected representatives, have accomplished these through our ability to provide:

- Deep understanding of the professional needs for academic careers.
- Extensive interactions with Administration across Columbia, not solely with one person.
- Dues-free representation for negotiations with the Administration.
- Broad international representation spanning the entire CU research community.
- Robust bargaining mechanism for negotiating with the Administration.
- Year-round access to the Administration, not once every three years.
- Collaborative mechanism to work at all levels across the entire Administration.
- Fifteen years of leadership in effecting major changes in University policies.

Building on this expertise and experience, the Research Officers Committee encourages you to join us Monday to learn more about our 15 years of effective representation of Research Officers at Columbia.

Sincerely,

Daniel Wolf Savin, Ph.D.
Chair, Research Officers Committee
University Senator