COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Spring 2014

Labor Studies 314:01
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Course Description: This course will explore and analyze the environment, participants, process, outcomes and impacts of collective bargaining. Students are expected to complete the assigned reading prior to class meetings and be prepared to discuss the material. To facilitate the learning experience, the class will combine small group and class discussions, lectures and exercises. Additionally, students will participate in a mock contract negotiation.

Readings: All readings will be available on Sakai. The reading MUST be done prior to class.

Warning: Cheating will not be tolerated. Please see Rutgers University policy on Academic Integrity. The success of this class depends on your attendance and participation. If there is a problem occurring in your life which prevents you from coming to class or keeping up with assignments, you should tell me. Every effort will be made to accommodate any problems needing accommodation. However, do not wait until after performing poorly on the mid-term or failing the course to bring such matters to my attention.

Grading: Grades will be computed as follows:

25% Exam 1
50% Mock Bargaining Exercise
10% Bargaining Journal
15% Attendance and Participation

Date Subject and Assignment

January 21 Class Overview; Administrative Matters
January 28 Introduction: K & K Chapter 1; Historical Background: K & K Chapter 2 Abrams and Nolan, The Meaning of Just Cause;
February 4 The Legal Environment: K & K Chapter 3; The Role of the Environment; Bargaining Power: K & K Chapter 4; Colosi & Berkeley, The Battle
February 11 Permanent Striker Replacement - N.L.R.B v. Mackay Radio & Telegraph; Colosi and Berkeley, Sections 14 & 15; Film: American Dream
February 18  Management Organization for Collective Bargaining: K & K Chapter 5; Union Strategies and Structures for Representing Workers: K & K Chapter 6; Colosi & Berkeley, The Table Process Examined

February 25  Bargaining Structure and Process: K & K Chapter 7; K & K Chapter 8; Distribute Bargaining Materials; Exam Review

February 27  Mid-Term Exam

The second half of this semester is devoted to collective bargaining. Bargaining is to be completed and the contracts and bargaining journals must be handed in by the end of the April 15 class. Bargaining Journals will also be handed in at the BEGINNING of each class during the bargaining exercise. It WILL be necessary to schedule out of class bargaining session/s to assure the assignment is completed on time. Each member of any group that cannot agree on a contract must submit a 10 page paper describing the negotiation breakdown and the reasons why they could not come to an agreement. The paper will be due on April 22, 2014.

March 4  Review Exam 1; Initial Bargaining Group Meetings

March 11  Bargaining - Preamble, Union Recognition and Union Rights, Nondiscrimination, Union Security and Union Dues, Grievance Procedure, Hours of Work (including Overtime)

March 20  No Class - Spring Break

March 25  Bargaining - Vacation, Sick, Personal Leave; Holidays; Health and Safety

April 1  Bargaining - Layoff and Recall, Travel Expenses, Benefits, Past Practices

April 8  Bargaining - Severability and Savings Clause, Out of Title Work and Workload, Respect and Dignity, Compensation

April 15  Bargaining - Duration and Negotiations, No Strikes or Lockouts; Contracts and bargaining journals due by the end of class.

April 22  Contract Review and Grades

April 29  No Exam