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From: Newbie <newbie@hawaii.edu>
Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 18:24:00 -1000
To: eMentor@hawaii.edu
Subject: Are you out there?

Dear eMentor, I'm having a really hard time communicating with the people at my campus. My DC is never around. Every time I go to her office, she's not there. Gone for the day. At a meeting. I have issues that I can never get addressed. Just to show what I mean: my discipline coordinator gave me a terrible schedule for Spring 04 and now I can't get it resolved because he just says: go see the DC. My office is in a different building from the rest of the people in my department so I have no one to talk to about these matters. And now I've tried to talk to you about it and have received no response. What gives? Are you even out there?

From: Newbie2 <newbie2@hawaii.edu>
Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 18:24:00 -1000
To: eMentor2@hawaii.edu
Subject: Help! I'm drowning

Dear eMentor, This fulltime teaching stuff is really more than I had bargained for. I've been a lecturer for a few years and thought I knew what I was getting into. But the workload is WAY more than I anticipated. I feel overwhelmed. I can't keep up with the requests for information from my chair. I can't get my exams and papers turned back in time. Help!

From: Newbie3 <newbie3@hawaii.edu>

Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 18:24:00 -1000
To: eMentor3@hawaii.edu
Subject: Disruptive Student

Dear eMentor, All of my classes are going really well, except one. BTW, thanks for the advice for dealing with students who don't come to class prepared. Now, one of the classes isn't going so well because of one particular student. She constantly talks back and is challenging. All the other students roll their eyes and make faces whenever she starts talking. Some have come to me after class and told me that they can't stand to have her in the class. Me, too. I want to get her out. She is making learning impossible for the rest of the class. How do I do that?

From: Newbie4 <newbie4@hawaii.edu>
Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 18:24:00 -1000
To: eMentor4@hawaii.edu
Subject: Workload

Dear eMentor, I don't know what to do or who to turn to since I'm the only apt in my department. Faculty on my campus ask me to do so many things in my position, and being new, I don't say no, yet at times I feel that some of these tasks are faculty responsibilities. For example, I'm asked to take charge of many campus-wide projects and actively participate on many committees in addition to trying to carry out my actual responsibilities which means I work an average of 55-60 hours a week-- as an apt! And then the faculty members get irritated at me because I can't get the work done for them fast enough! At this point, my self confidence is low and I feel frustrated! What should I do?