

**Augusta State University chapter of the
American Association of University Professors
Minutes of membership meeting of 8 September 2005**

Present: James Benedict, Jurgen Brauer, Mark Fissel, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Bill Reese, Allen Scarboro, Michael Searles, and Raymond Whiting

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:06am in Allgood Hall 223. Dr. Whiting proposed that, as a sufficient quorum was assembled, a campus chapter of AAUP be formed. Allen Scarboro seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote.
2. It was agreed that a document be drafted, recording this decision and the names of those AAUP members present. Dr. Fissel volunteered to draft said document and obtain signatures.
3. Discussion regarding appointment of officers followed. A slate was proposed, consisting of:
President: M. Fissel
Vice President: M. Searles
Secretary-Treasurer: J. Benedict
At-large representative: R. Whiting
At-large representative: W. Reese
4. Dr. Scarboro moved that the slate be approved. Dr. Benedict seconded the motion, and the slate of officers was approved unanimously.
5. The next item of business was the compilation of by-laws for the chapter. A committee was appointed and its members pledged to draft by-laws over the next week and have them ready for discussion and approval for the next scheduled meeting of the chapter officers, on Friday 16 September 2005 at 2:30pm.
6. Dr. Whiting then emphasized the need for a Membership Chair. Dr. Scarboro was appointed to this position by acclamation.
7. Dr. Scarboro then suggested that "charter membership" in the campus chapter be made available to ASU faculty for a period of two weeks, running through 23 September. He encouraged personal visits to prospective members should supplement the customary email announcements.
8. Dr. Whiting concurred and advocated sharing with prospective members an understanding of the motives for joining AAUP and forming a campus chapter. In this vein he proposed that the chapter consider a "first initiative." This might be a subject that has wide application to the university community, such as academic freedom or academic honesty. Outreach to students was cited as particularly desirable. It was recommended that after the by-laws had been written and approved that the chapter could explore the pursuit of such a theme or initiative, perhaps through a committee created for such a purpose. At our next meeting a working hypothesis for the initiative could be spelled out, and additional charter members could contribute to formulating this initiative as they came on board through 23 September.
9. It was resolved that the next meeting, designed to examine and approve by-laws, would be held on Friday, 16 September at 2:30pm in Allgood Hall 223.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Fissel