

**Augusta State University chapter of the
American Association of University Professors
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 4 November 2005**

Members Present: Mark Fissel, Allen Scarboro, Jim Benedict, Jurgen Brauer, Mike Searles,
Mary Jane Anderson, Ray Whiting, Mike Bishku

Guests: Duncan Robertson, Beverley Collins

I] Old Business

A] The ongoing discussion of the bylaws was continued. The members agreed that Article VIII could be implemented with language from Article IX along with some provision for an "automatic" dissolution in the case that the chapter is unable to hold meetings for two years. Article IX seemed fine given the discussion for Article VIII. Dr. Whiting will write the verbiage for Articles VIII and IX as needed. The chapter will attempt to publicize the amended bylaws and hopes to pass them at the next meeting.

B] The minutes of 23 September 2005 were passed.

C] The minutes of 8 September 2005 were passed.

D] Dr. Brauer made a presentation concerning the chapter Website he is developing. Members present are highly supportive of his efforts in this area. The URL is <http://www.aug.edu/asuaaup/>.

II] New Business

A] It was decided that for a first campus initiative, the ASU Chapter of AAUP present a program for the spring of 2006 around the issues of protected speech, free speech, plagiarism, and academic freedom. While we want this to be an AAUP event, we want it to be as open as possible. We plan to get participation in the program from many academic areas including administrative departments and academic schools and departments. A subcommittee of Mary Jane Anderson, Jurgen Brauer, and Jim Benedict was chosen to prepare this program. Professor Anderson is responsible for calling the subcommittee to order.

B] A program concerning USG salary standards, inequities within departments, regional and nationwide salary data, merit pay, the faculty role model as an instrument for determining salary and the like was suggested for the fall of 2006. A subcommittee of Allen Scarboro, Mike Searles, and Mark Fissel was chosen to work with these ideas. Professor Searles is responsible for calling the subcommittee to order.

C] After discussion, the chapter decided that yearly Chapter Dues will be \$20.00 for Full and Associate Professors, \$10.00 for Assistant Professors and Instructors and \$0.00 (zero) for Part Time Faculty, Lecturers, and Graduate students. After the bylaws are passed, we will have an official chapter. At that time the secretary/treasurer can get a bank account for the chapter.

Respectfully submitted

James M. Benedict
Secretary/Treasurer