

**Augusta State University chapter of the
American Association of University Professors
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 3 February 2006**

Members Present:

Mark Fissel, Jim Benedict, Jurgen Brauer, Mike Bishku, Beverley Collins, Bill Reese

I] The members observed that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 2:30PM.

II] Old Business

A] The Minutes of the 2 December 2005 meeting, as posted on web site, were approved.

B] A report on our AAUP Program for 22 February 2006 was given by Jim Benedict.

The AAUP plagiarism event is now officially entitled "Influence, Plagiarism and Creative Thinking." It will be held from 1:00 PM until 2:15 PM on an anniversary of George Washington's birthday. (He who could not tell a lie.) The date is 22 February 2006. The subcommittee working on this event has made its best guess that between 200 and 400 people will attend. Since the PAT is not available, the event will be held in the cafeteria of Washington Hall. (The building is named after Ike and Justine Washington, not George. Still, how appropriate.)

The plans for the program are the same as in the minutes for the meeting of 2 December, 2005. There will be four 10-minute presentations; Jim Benedict will play the role of "stage manager" to ensure that no presentation exceeds its time frame. Rather than having Ray Whiting stand alone to wrap up the proceedings, we will have a panel hopefully consisting of Mike Searles, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, and Ray Whiting. The panel would give commentary, field questions, and wrap up the ideas presented.

A booklet is to be produced for attendees to carry away from the event. Mark Fissel will solicit relevant literature from the chairs of the various units and disciplines. Bill Reese will compile the material. Jim Benedict will design the booklet, including a program of the event itself, and see to the reproduction and distribution of the booklet.

There was some discussion of having a senior ASU administrator give a brief welcoming message to the attendees of the event. Jim Benedict is to take care of the details.

C] Mark Fissel led a discussion on the proposed program for Fall 2006. The work is ongoing.

D] Mark Fissel and Jim Benedict gave reports on visits of delegations to ASU senior administrators.

In particular, last December Fissel, Benedict, Searles, and Reese visited Dr. Bloodworth in his office with Dr. Sullivan also in attendance. The delegation announced the existence of the chapter. Cordialities and general discussion concerning the place of our chapter at ASU ensued. Both administrators are members of the national AAUP. Each expressed interest in joining the chapter.

Also in December, Anderson, Brauer, and Benedict visited Dr. Sullivan in his office to inform him of the Plagiarism Program. As evidenced by his strong and supportive email to the faculty at large, he is fully supportive of the event.

E] Mark Fissel gave a report on the status of our chapter's response to the national chapter's request for information on how ASU faculty members evaluate their administrators. The work is ongoing with the various member of the administration giving full cooperation and help.

F] The AAUP Summer Institute for 2006 is July 27-30 at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. The contact person is Eizzie Smith-esmith@aaup.org .

The AAUP Summer Institute for 2007 will be held in Reno, Nevada.

G] Jim Benedict has not yet started the chapter bank account. Wanting more input from chapter members he led a discussion on the pros and cons of having an ASU agency account versus having an off campus bank account. After discussion, it was decided that the chapter bank account should reside in the HCCU (Health Care Credit Union).

Once the bank account is opened, Benedict will solicit the payment of chapter dues. Not being one to wait, Bill Reese paid a full year of dues on the spot.

III] New Business

A] Members discussed the Augusta Chronicle article on our chapter and subsequent email contact from national headquarters.

B] We officially named our chapter AAUP@ASU. There was discussion of calling it the "Bill Bompert" chapter. We decided to work at a later time on having Bill's name permanently placed somewhere on the ASU campus (e.g., road, building, walkway).

C] Discussion occurred around the topic of the notification of constituencies outside ASU (i.e. national, state organizations, etc.) of our existence. We will ask the national AAUP web site to list us and link to our web site. (The reverse is already in effect). We will subscribe to the Georgia conference AAUP listserv: <http://www2.gsu.edu/~hishdh/aauplist.htm>

D] Retirement issues concerning ORP and TRS were discussed. The lively conversation generated caused some members to think about modifying the Fall 2006 program to include some of these topics.

IV] The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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