

**Augusta State University chapter of the
American Association of University Professors
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 17 March 2006**

Members Present:

Mark Fissel, Jim Benedict, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Jurgen Brauer, Bill Reese, Mary Jane Anderson, Mike Searles

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 3 February 2006 meeting, as posted on the web site, were approved.

B] The AAUP@ASU Program for 22 February 2006 entitled "Influence, Plagiarism and Creative Thinking" was discussed. It was noted that about 220 to 230 students were in attendance as well as 10-20 faculty, including President Bloodworth and VPAA Sullivan. We had prepared 250 plagiarism booklets and all but 10 were given out. Amazingly, only one of those was not taken away from the event! Apparently the students found the booklets to be of some worth.

The chapter found the four presentations and the "Q&A-Wrap-up" to be of high quality. Praise was liberally spread upon those responsible for the program.

The membership discussed the evaluations of the program given by various professors as responses to an email by the secretary/treasurer asking for such comments. It was noted that some professors were confused by the program. Primarily this was due to the program showing that not all academic areas have a common agreement as to what constitutes plagiarism. The chapter decided to ask the chairs of the various academic areas to hold workshops concerning plagiarism that were discipline specific. Jurgen Brauer will generate this letter to the chairs.

C] Mark Fissel led a discussion on the proposed program for Fall 2006. It will primarily focus around financial benefits for professors who work at ASU. A venue such as UH-170 would be appropriate.

D] Mark Fissel gave a report on the status of our chapter's response to AAUP's request for information on how ASU faculty members evaluate administrators. His draft document is almost finished. It needs more input from the Deans. The chapter also decided to ask senior administration officials to read through the document before we send it to the national AAUP. We do want the information to be accurate. Since Mark is leaving for Cambodia for a couple of weeks, Mary Jane Anderson will solicit information from the Deans.

III] New Business

A] Jim Benedict is in the process of opening a bank account for AAUP@ASU. We are using the HCCU branch located in the ASU bookstore. Once this is done, he will solicit the payment of dues from the chapter members. He will also solicit the faculty to join the chapter. Fissel,

Searles, and Reese need to go to the branch to show certain ID's and sign certain forms so as to be able to access the account. It is noted that the chapter bylaws require two signatures on any check. The HCCU rules allow any single account member to write checks. They do allow two account members to sign a check, however.

B] It was decided to schedule regular meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, at 2:30 PM.

C] Allen Scarboro wishes to no longer be the Membership Chairman. That position will be filled in the future.

D] Acquiring pamphlets for new faculty in the Fall would be a good thing. We would like to get them placed in the packets prepared for new faculty.

IV] The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

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Secretary/Treasurer
AAUP@ASU