

**Augusta State University chapter of the
American Association of University Professors
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 21 April 2006**

Members Present:

Mike Searles, Jim Benedict, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Mike Bishku, Bill Reese

I] The members observed that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by Vice-President Searles.

II] Old Business

A] The Minutes of the 17 March 2006 meeting, as posted on the chapter web site, were approved.

B] Concerning the report being generated for the national AAUP, Dr. Mary Jane Anderson has given Dr. Fissel her study of the evaluation of Deans at ASU. Professor Searles distributed copies of the information to the members. Dr. Fissel will integrate the data into his report.

C] Concerning the acquisition of national AAUP pamphlets for help in recruiting members from the new faculty in the Fall, it turns out that these are merely copies of the fall 2005 "Footnotes." We have secured an adequate number of them. Several copies have been sent to Academic Affairs with a request that they be placed in the New Faculty Orientation folders. Several other copies will be given to the new recruitment chair.

D] The selection of a new Recruitment Chair was on the agenda and was postponed until the Fall.

III] New Business

A] Our bylaws tell us that the chapter may establish chapter dues. Any chapter dues will be established by a secret ballot vote conducted among voting chapter members. The vote may be conducted either by campus and first class mail ballot or, after reasonable notice, at a regular or special membership meeting. It follows that amending chapter dues would be a form of establishing chapter dues. The current dues structure for the chapter is:

\$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.

The members at the meeting voted to change the dues for Part Time Faculty, Lecturers, and Graduate Students to one dollar. However, there may not have been reasonable notice that this issue would be taken up at this meeting.

B] The members agreed to address the above issue concerning dues at the first meeting of the Fall. These minutes constitute "reasonable notice."

C] With respect to membership and dues, there are only three people who have attended meetings and have not yet paid dues. The Secretary/Treasurer will send emails asking the three people to submit their dues payment. Also, one person has paid dues, but never has attended a meeting.

D] Bill Reese volunteered to compose an email seeking to recruit new members. Perhaps we could mail out a hard copy letter. Perhaps Jana Sandarg has knowledge of how this can be done.

IV] The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm. The next meeting will be called in the Fall.

Respectfully submitted

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