

**Augusta State University chapter of the  
American Association of University Professors  
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 16 February 2007**

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Members Present: Jim Benedict, Mike Bishku, Angela Bratton, Beverly Collins, Mark Fissel, Christie Launius, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Bill Reese, Mike Searles

I.] The members observed that a quorum was present (at least 20% of 19) and the meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Chapter President Fissel. Guest attendee from Nursing, Jeanette Merriweather, was welcomed.

II.] Old Business

A.] The draft minutes of the 26 January 2006 meeting were approved as corrected.

B.] Officers' Reports.

President's Report: President Fissel made us aware of some good news to be discussed under item C below. Remarking on the value of attending the fall meeting at Milledgeville, Fissel reminded the chapter of the meeting of the Georgia Conference of the AAUP to be held at Columbus State University on Saturday, 17 March 2007 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Vice-President's Report: Cowboy Mike Searles led the meeting in a round of introductions.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Jim Benedict reported a balance of \$35.21 in the chapter savings account and \$422.50 in the chapter checking account.

C.] Mark Fissel relayed the following message from Ray Whiting concerning the Spring Program and Phi Kappa Phi:

Good News. The ASU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has agreed to cosponsor a symposium at which we will discuss the nature of the university and the professorate (as it relates to teaching). The event would be held at some point during the first two weeks of April, and PKP will provide refreshments after the event. What we need now are four speakers, willing to speak for 12-15 min. each, and then answer questions from the audience for 20-30 min. The speakers do not need to be either PKP or AAUP members. What I need is for each of you who originally volunteered (or were volunteered) to help with this project to contact me so we can meet and pull it all together.

Ray Whiting

The chapter discussed ideas and suggested speakers. Ruth McClelland-Nugent took notes and will relay the suggestions to Ray.

D.] The international program, to be coordinated by Angela Bratton will be held in late March. It will focus on the nature of a university from an international perspective.

E.] The chapter planned for the upcoming elections, deciding that they will be held at the meeting of Friday, 16 March. We will take nominations for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary by email, and will allow for voting from chapter members by email. We will use the elections as a recruiting tool. Mark Fissel will email the faculty at large soliciting membership. He will email the nineteen chapter members with information on the nominating and voting process.

### III.] New Business

As has been done before, a memorial to Bill Bompart was suggested. Jim Benedict informed the chapter about the sculpture to be created by Helaman Ferguson that Mrs. Benedict has discussed with President Bloodworth and Therese Rosier. It was suggested that perhaps we can name the fall program after Dr. Bompart.

IV.] The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM. The next meeting will be held on 16 March 2007.

Respectfully submitted

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