

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

II.] Old Business

A.] The draft minutes of the 16 February 2007 meeting were approved as written.

B.] Officers' Reports.

President's Report: President Fissel spoke of recruitment.

Vice-President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Benedict reported a balance of \$35.21 in the chapter savings account and \$422.58 in the chapter checking account.

C.] The Fall Program to be presented by the chapter will center on Intellectual Properties. We have a very good policy at ASU and it needs to be publicized.

D.] The international program, being coordinated by Angela Bratton, will be held on Thursday, 19 April 2007 from 2:30 PM until 3:45 PM. It will focus on the nature of a university from an international perspective. We intend to publicize the event through email.

E.] The Georgia Conference of the AAUP will be held at Columbus State University on Saturday, 17 March 2007 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Of course we at ASU will be celebrating Honors Night on 16 March. Also, the mathematicians will be attending the MAA Southeastern Regional meetings in Statesboro on 15-17 March.

F.] The Spring Program concerning the "Nature of a University" is under the guidance of Ray Whiting and Phi Kappa Phi. There is no new information at this time concerning this topic.

III.] New Business

A.] Congratulations to our new officers! Elections were held and the new Vice-President is Mike Bishku. The new secretary is Beverly Collins. Also, Mike volunteered to serve as the Recruitment Chair.

B.] A general discussion on recruitment was held.

C.] Mark Fissel was directed by the chapter to write a letter the Faculty Policies Committee thanking them for their hard work this semester.

D.] The chapter expressed concern and solidarity for staff members with respect to “customer service” initiatives that may negatively impact staff members. Is a liaison with the Staff Council a good and proper direction in which to go?

E.] A faculty member has been “chastised” by the Academic Policies Committee for a syllabus that contains the phrase “...grades suck but...”. Discussion as to the appropriateness of the Chair of the APC being the person to talk to a faculty member about a syllabus ensued. The chapter seeks more information.

F.] David Horowitz and his clan are fronting “Academic Diversity” (code for censorship in the classroom) in the Georgia Legislature. We need to write and call our Legislatures.

IV.] The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next and final meeting for this academic year will be held on 21 April 2007.

Respectfully submitted

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