

**Augusta State University chapter of the  
American Association of University Professors  
Minutes of membership meeting of Friday, 27 April 2008**

Members Present: Jim Benedict, Mike Bishku, Angela Bratton, Jurgen Brauer, Beverly Collins, Mark Fissel, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Bill Reese, Mike Searles, and Ray Whiting.

- I. The meeting was called to order by chapter president Mark Fissel. A quorum was present.
- II. Old Business.
  - A. The minutes from March were approved as edited.
  - B. Officers' Reports
    1. President, Mark Fissel, reported no meetings will be held during the summer since there is no known national AAUP business pending at this time.
    2. Vice President, Mike Bishku, reported on recruitment efforts. In the past, current and new faculty members have been notified about the chapter via E-mail. Mike Bishku will see if information about AAUP can be put in the information packet the new faculty receives in the fall. Discussion followed speculating on what percent of the faculty at ASU are AAUP members. Members shared ways AAUP has been helpful and the importance of showing the relevance of AAUP to nonmembers.
    3. Secretary, Jim Benedict, had no report.
    4. Treasurer, Jim Benedict, reported \$35.28 in the savings account and 422.67 in the checking account.
  - C. Status of "Nature of the University" symposium.
    1. The symposium has been postponed until fall of 2007. At present, we plan to have an interdisciplinary panel. Possible speakers are: Allen Scarboro on historical development of the university, Bill Reese on teachers and students, and Christie Launius on the working class.
  - D. Spring presentation
    1. Discussion continued on intellectual properties, open access publishing, on-line publishing, reader subscription versus author paying for publishing and proper documentation. A chair is needed for this project.
  - E. Report on faculty workload
    1. The report is appreciated and will be examined in the fall.
- III. New business
  - A. Planning for academic year 2007-2008
  - B. The chapter will see if there is a way to compare pay and tenure for faculty across the campus.
  - C. Faculty evaluation of administrators. There is continued interest in how senior administrators are evaluated. Reports can be accessed under Georgia's "sunshine laws." The local chapter has sent a report to AAUP on the evaluation of senior administrators at this campus.
  - D. AAUP summer meeting in Washington, D.C. and Reno, NV. No one from this

chapter is able to go.

- E. SACS self-study.
    - 1. Ray Whiting briefed the member on SACS self-study and the role of faculty.
    - 2. Bill Reese questioned how SACS and other institutions compare for accreditation.
    - 3. Ray Whiting offered to report back to the chapter.
  - F. Academic diversity
    - 1. Academic diversity continues to be an ideal to enhance learning. In some situations, there seems to be “double talk” that sounds supportive of academic diversity, but the resulting actions may limit diversity. Members are encouraged to take note of these situations and follow the outcome on diversity.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Collins