

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

Members Present: Ted Atkinson, Jim Benedict, Mike Bishku, Jurgen Brauer, Beverly Collins, and Mark Fissel.

Guests: Tamara McKethan and Jeanette Merriweather.

I. The meeting was called to order by chapter president Mark Fissel at 2:50 pm. Jim Benedict, treasurer, confirmed a quorum was present.

II. Old Business.

a. Minutes from September 21, 2007 were read and corrected.

b. Officers' Reports

i. President, Mark Fissel - no report.

ii. Vice President, Mike Bishku - The internet and personal contact are being used to inform others of this chapter, in order to increase membership.

iii. Secretary, Beverly Collins - none.

iv. Treasurer - Jim Benedict reported \$573.31 in the checking account and \$35.42 in the savings account.

c. AAUP-Sponsored Programs. This AAUP chapter is not independently sponsoring a program for the Fall of 2007. AUP is jointly sponsoring "The Nature of the University" with Phi Kappa Phi.

d. Communication with Dr. Price. Dr. Price responded to the invitation to speak to this chapter. While she declined the offer to speak, she did assert the department is following campus policy for tenure.

e. Continued discussion of access to tenure for various disciplines. The question of how clinical teaching assignments affect research and publications was discussed. The department of education has a significant number of clinical hours for education students. Music instructors have a large number of contact hours with their students.

III. New Business

a. Elections in April. According to the bylaws, a president and treasurer will be elected this April. Members are encouraged to become officers.

b. Faculty Meeting Resolution. A resolution was formulated to commend the Faculty Policies Committee for their work-load study. Jurgen Brauer will see if he is free to present the resolution at the next Faculty Meeting. Interest was expressed in posting the report on the AAUP website.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Collins