

AAUP ASU Chapter
Minutes
Friday, October 17, 2008

Members Present: James Benedict, Mike Bishku, Dalton Brannen, Angela Bratton, Beverly Collins, Kim Davies, Mark Fissel, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Melissa Powell-Williams, Bill Reese, Robert Scott and Mike Searles.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:40 by chapter president, Bill Reese. A Quorum was present.
- II. Old Business
 - A. The Minutes of September 26, 2008 were read and approved as corrected.
 - B. Officers' Reports
 1. President, Bill Reese – Fall Georgia AAUP October 4th meeting.
 - a. Changes in the core curriculum, and how the changes are made, are a concern.
 - b. Chancellor Davis wrote an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education (July 18, 2008) promoting a business model to fix problems in higher education. The Executive Committee of the University of West Georgia Chapter of the AAUP wrote a response.
 2. Vice President, Mike Bishku – No report.
 3. Secretary, Beverly Collins – No report.
 4. Treasurer, Steve Weiss – Not present.
 - C. Program on the State of Tenure in Academy. A panel discussion is planned for next week and a speaker for November 6.
 - D. Sabbatical Program – Tabled.
 - E. AAUP Website. Kim Davies will serve as Webmaster.
- III. New Business
 - A. Call for Nominations for Member at Large. Since Bill Reese became president before his tenure as Member at Large expired, another person needs to finish the term. Mark Fissel was nominated and elected unanimously.
 - B. Teacher Retirement System. Bill Reese reported on proposed changes.
 - C. Response to the article by Chancellor Davis. There was a strong reaction, discussion of the inappropriateness of a business model, and a plan to respond. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- IV. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Collins