

AAUP ASU Chapter
Minutes
Friday, January 16, 2009

Members Present: James Benedict, Mike Bishku, Dalton Brannen, Angela Bratton, Beverly Collins, Mark Fissel, Bill Reese, Sam Richardson, Robert Scott, Wendy Turner and Raymond Whiting.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 by chapter president, Bill Reese. A Quorum was present.
- II. Old Business
 - A. The Minutes of November 21, 2008 were read and approved as corrected.
 - B. Officers' Reports
 1. President, Bill Reese – No Report
 2. Vice President, Mike Bishku – No report.
 3. Secretary, Beverly Collins – No report.
 4. Treasurer, Steve Weiss – Not present.
 - C. Letter to the AAUP Chapter, University of West Georgia. Bill Reese drafted a letter to show support and circulated it by e-mail. The additional editorial changes made at this meeting will be circulated to members of this chapter before sending it to the UWG AAUP Chapter.
 - D. Sabbatical Program – With current state laws preventing money being held from one year to another for sabbaticals, different forms of “sweat equity” and point systems were contemplated. One member had taken on extra assignments at ASU in order to be “paid back” with time off. The program was withdrawn before the faculty member could get the benefit, but after the extra work had been done. There was consensus on the collegiality of ASU faculty members and the desire to support each other on a semester basis. Ray Whiting, Dalton Brannen and Jim Benedict formed a sub-committee.
- III. New Business
 - A. Economic downturn. With the current decline in the economy, there is a possibility of an adverse effect on last hired and part-time faculty members. Members at this meeting would like to understand how unemployment benefits might apply to adjunct and part time faculty and how this chapter can be supportive.
 - B. Spring Program. Members see a need for a program and may use the topics that were discussed today.
- IV. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Collins