

AAUP @ KSU

Business Meeting Minutes

8/26/2010

Chapter President Ulf Zimmermann called meeting to order at 12:34pm. Those in attendance were Jackie Jones, Andy Pieper, Tim Hedeem, Chris Ziegler, R.C. Paul, Scott A. Reese, LeeAnn Lands, Debbie Smith, Tom Doleys, Tom Keene, Todd Harper, and Ulf Zimmermann.

1. **AAUP State Conference Report.** Chris Ziegler reported that the meals will be \$23.25 at the Campus Commons, that the meeting will be held in SO 2025, and the Spring Hill hotel will be charging \$89 for conference attendees. There was discussion about how to get conference participants to pay for meals ahead of time, what to include in gift bags, and Scott Reese agreed to create a campus map with conference points included. The AAUP State Executive Committee will be meeting on Friday afternoon at 4pm, followed by a dinner with the local chapter.
2. **Discussion of membership recruitment.** Scott questioned whether scholarship was effective in encouraging members.
3. **Provost Search Committee.** There are concerns about how committee was formed. Scott noted there were no research scientists. Chris said that President Papp has been notified that there are rumblings about how the committee was formed, and he has promised to respond. The Faculty Senate was apparently not involved, and Tom Keene agreed to draft an email expressing AAUP's concern about lack of transparency and communication.
4. **Digital Measures.** Discussion that digital measures appear to be fait accompli, and that faculty was not consulted. Tom Keene suggested that the Faculty Senate debate a resolution saying that we disagree with the process and consider withholding compliance. On a related note, Ulf wants to explore whether the new "faculty digest" will filter messages. Chris said it does not, and that AAUP can still use its own listserv.
5. **Boyer Model for T&P.** The Boyer model is apparently accepted in theory, but not necessarily in practice in all departments. LeeAnn said it is unclear whether departments have to accept all of the categories. Provost Black apparently said no first, and then said yes. Scott said that there are indications that administrators in Math and Science were pushing discipline-based research and ignoring other areas. Tom Keene added that the dept. guidelines need to be the final authority, not the whims of administrators.
6. **Contingent Faculty.** There was a discussion about how to recruit contingent faculty. Scott said we need to make AAUP relevant to their professional lives. Tom said that we should consider pushing for giving part-time/contingent faculty representation in shared governance. Scott said that full-time instructors/lecturers do have DVC/CFC representation, but Todd added that contingent faculty are not evaluated by their peers, but by others (tenure track faculty). LeeAnn suggested we send a letter/email to part-timers with our agenda and goals (including how we can help them). Scott suggested that we should concurrently conduct in-person recruitment, which can work better.

7. ***Relations with administrative staff.*** R.C. reports that there are pockets of professional staff that are hostile toward faculty. He suggests we consider developing a formal dialogue to work on these issues and promote some civility.