

AAUP LSU Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2011
4:00-5:00 PM, 201 Nicholson Hall

Present:

Ravi Rau (president), Olivier Moreteau (secretary), Kent Mathewson (treasurer), Dominique Homberger, Larry Crumbley, Judith Schiebout, Irvin Peckham (vice-president), Jerry Draayer

Excused:

Brooks Ellwood, Robert C. Tague.

Ravi Rau, President, called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

1. Ravi Rau delivered the President Report, orally and in writing (see annex):
 - (a) Report on two academic freedom cases at LSU by the national AAUP in July
RR commented on the ruling by Judge Brady in the van Heerden case and encouraged the membership to read the ruling
(<http://dockets.justia.com/docket/louisiana/lamdce/3:2010cv00155/39973/>).
 - (b) Recent issues handled by the campus chapter and state "conference"
 - (c) Exigency and faculty furlough at Southern Univ, Baton Rouge
 - (d) Occupy movement and local activity
 - (e) Formation of LSUnited on campus
100 faculty have already signed as members. A motion that AAUP LSU Chapter invites its members to join the union was approved unanimously.
2. Membership. Kent Mathewson, Treasurer, presents the accounts: \$1,447 in savings and \$67 in checking, a total little over \$1,500. It has been found impossible to check the exact number of members, the national office holding at the moment a meeting in Washington D.C. To date, 129 names appear on the list serve. The secretary and treasurer will keep track of members paying their dues and only those will be considered active members. It is agreed that local dues follow the academic year, and \$70 of local dues are collected at the meeting. Local members are encouraged to send the \$10 local dues direct to Kent Mathewson.
3. Other business. It is agreed that the bylaws are to be changed to request a minimum of two annual meetings instead of four. Problems to access the LSU Chapter webpage are discussed: changes are to be made to make it accessible from the LSU homepage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivier Moreteau,
Secretary