# AAUP LSU Chapter Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017 4:00 PM, 245 Howe-Russell-Kniffen Bldg.

### Present:

Olivier Moréteau (president), Judith Schiebout (vice-president), Kent Mathewson (treasurer), Dominique Homberger, Brooks Ellwood, Mike Russo, Ravi Rau.

#### **Excused:**

Bryan McCann (secretary)

Olivier Moréteau called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## 1. Officers Report & New Website

Olivier Moreteau presented the AAUP LSU Chapter new website, visiting Home, About Us, News, Links, Documents, and Contact Us features. He explained that maintenance is easy, but that the help of Michael Strain remains needed for site development and maintenance. Improvements to be taken care of:

- News: the list of labels (presently 'chapter meetings' and 'teacher evaluations') needs to appear
  on the side so that visitors can visit issues more easily (new labels can be created on the go,
  reflecting new issues);
- 2. Also on the News page, there should be a "subscribe to email updates" device, so that those interested can sign up to receive email every time news is posted;
- 3. A forum page should be created to favor discussion on each hot issue.

Moreteau invites everyone to send documents and topics, and he will post on the go.

Moreteau also reports on LISTSERV, as he has not managed yet to take control of the list, in order to visualize who the members listed are, to add new members and remove past ones. Using an Outlook Group may be an option, as Listserv is cumbersome and difficult to monitor by non-expert. Michael Strain's help will be needed.

Ken Mathewson reports on finance: \$277.87 on checking account, \$2,333.58 on savings.

#### 2. Communication and Outreach

Members present agree that our chapter should move the conversation on teachers evaluation, and also on honesty and ethics (issues regarding cheating and plagiarism), moving things from materials posted on new website.

Meeting to be organized in the fall on evaluation, with participation of Larry Crumbley, Bobby Matthews, Senate President Kevin Cope, Provost Rick Koubek.

Dominique Homberger recommends we also move on issues of honesty, inviting for student input, in the hope of helping them act more responsibly.

# 3. Preparation of Elections

There is a general consensus that new blood is needed, though members attending are aware of the difficulty for untenured faculty to run for office as they have so much to do.

Based on Article I of the By-Laws, Olivier Moreteau constituted those present in a Nominating Committee, which deliberated and proposed the following slate of candidates:

President: Brooks Ellwood

Vice President: Olivier Moreteau

Secretary: Bryan McCannTreasurer: Kent Mathewson

This opens a period of 45 days prior to the election. As per the By-Laws (Art. I), "A notice setting forth the proposed slate of officers, with a statement of their qualifications shall have been sent to each member at least thirty days prior to the vote." The president and the secretary will prepare the notice, with personal statement and photo for each candidate, and will make sure this is sent to members in due course and posted on the website.

There was no "Other Business." The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Olivier Moreteau, President