

AAUP, LSU Chapter

February 13, 2017 – 4:00 to 5:00 pm, 258 Howe-Russell-Kniffen Hall

Submitted by Bryan McCann

Present: Olivier Moreteau (Law, Acting President), Bryan McCann (CMST, Acting Secretary), Ravi Rau (Physics and Astronomy), Kent Mathewson (Geo/Anthro, Acting Treasurer), Brooks Ellwood (GEOL), Thomas Miller (Foreign Lang @ SU-BR), Sarah Becker (SOCL and WGS), James Catano (English, FMA, and WGS), Dominique Homberger (Bio), Michelle Masse (Grad School)

Approved Motions

- **Members will explore their respective professional networks and find possible individuals who we can hire to help us develop a functional website. Report back to the email list by Monday, February 20.**
- **Dominique will inquire with IT regarding the listserv.**

I. President's Report

- a. It's been a while!
- b. Attempting to work on website, but gaining access to it has been a challenge
- c. Current committees working on policy revisions
 - i. PS-36 (appointment, promotion, tenure of faculty)
 1. Also working to ensure that all units have bylaws
 2. Committee will conclude work this semester and make recommendations
 3. Administration has been receptive
 4. There will be a presentation to Faculty Senate in April
 - ii. PS-104 and 108 (dismissal for cause)
 1. Attempting to make role of faculty more explicit and robust
 2. Awaiting conclusion of PS-36 committee
 3. Improving faculty input and due process
 - iii. Role for AAUP
 1. Ensure member's are familiar with their unit bylaws and can intervene when possible/appropriate
 2. Develop guidelines for bylaws best practices
- d. New AAUP national documents reporting on dire state of tenure, academic freedom, etc. (sharing stuff like this online is one of many reasons updating the website is so important)

II. Elections

- a. Overdue, but it is agreed to restart the process only once the website is up and going (below, III.g)
- b. Wisdom of junior faculty holding offices?
 - i. Junior faculty are more vulnerable, but...
 - ii. AAUP membership provides some protection

III. Outreach

- a. We missed Fall Fest this year
- b. Other avenues?

- i. Events
 - ii. Speakers
 - 1. Berube fell through
 - 2. Howard Bunsis?
 - 3. Someone who can speak on the history of tenure?
 - c. Faculty involvement (e.g. Bunsis and Walker-Jones event) has been very low; are coming threats a potential catalyst? How can we “shake up” faculty? Good reason to believe that current threats to tenure will mobilize interest.
 - d. ***Only 150 AAUP members in the entire state (renew your membership if it's lapsed!) LSU has lower membership than Tulane.***
 - e. Do people have an inaccurate image of AAUP? Do younger faculty see us as only protecting tenured faculty? Do tenured faculty feel protected and that they don't “need” AAUP?
 - f. Southern has also struggled with recruitment both in terms of mobilizing resources to recruit and interest
 - g. ***We really really need to update the website!***
 - i. Proposal (Dominique): Hire a webmaster (members will explore connections and possible candidates to hire and report back within a week); goal will be to have website up and running before we hold election → PASSED
 - h. Proposal (Dominique): Constitute a communication committee for the purpose of rapid AAUP response (current officers will function in this role until we hold elections and constitute a permanent committee) → PASSED
 - i. Position statement available via website → PASSED
- IV. SU-BR has been very helpful to the state chapter
- V. Treasurer's report
- a. Have spent \$50 since our last meeting for Fall Fest
 - b. \$277 in checking account
 - c. \$2,333 in savings account
- VI. Adjourn