

NEW YORK STATE AAUP CONFERENCE Fall 2014 SUNY Cortland October 24-25th, 2014

MINUTES

Attendance

David Linton (DL), Tom Policano (TP), Sally Dear-Healey (SD), Kate Eskew (KE), John Polimeni (JP), Jeffrey Baker (JB), Stephen Goldberg (SG), Irwin Yellowitz (IY), Patrick Cihon (PC), Mary Rose Kubal (MK)

Others: Bill Buxton, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Risa Lieberwitz, Anne Wiegard, Jaclyn Pittsley

Friday October 24, 2014; 5:30 PM (Open Forum)

- Constitutional Amendment
- DL moved to amend the Constitution
- P.C. seconded
 - Discussion:
 - K.E.: Amendment to motion to include changes in the Constitution and Bylaws as proposed
 - J.P.: In Part D change Executioner to Executive
 - Motion to Amend the Constitution unanimously approved

• General discussion occurred

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM

Saturday October 25, 2014

Meeting convened at 9:02 AM by DL

- Discussion on issues at SUNY Cortland regarding librarians on campus, grievance structure, and academic freedom within

contract

- How can NYS AAUP help and national AAUP; discussion on various activities on how to assist SUNY Cortland faculty and UUP chapter
- Linton suggests resolution of support from NYS AAUP; discussion occurred
- DL Motion: Resolved that the NYS conference of the AAUP views with concern recent efforts on the part of the Administration of SUNY Cortland to restrict the research fields and topics of investigation of the librarian faculty at SUNY Cortland. Further resolved that NYS Conference of the AAUP urges the administration to meet with UUP representatives of the affected faculty to resolve this issue as soon as possible
 - TP seconded
 - Unanimously approved
- Minutes from Spring 2014 REPORT (including corrections) [PDF]
 - Page 10 correction; SG did not appoint in section 9, was DL
 - Page 10 correction; Election committee elected not appointed
 - Acceptance of minutes as amended unanimously approved
- DL presented the President's REPORT [PDF]
 - Spring conference will be at Columbia University Teachers College, April 24-25, 2015
 - Discussion on how to develop the conference and possible speakers
 - Discussion that the conference should include 'The Future of AAUP'; perhaps bring in representative from the new faculty majority
 - Structure of the conference; workshop topics discussed
 - Future of the AAUP

- Faculty Handbook
- Contracts
- Changing face of healthcare and coverage provided by universities
- TP: Friday afternoon workshop; afternoon coffee and tea with Keynote speaker; dinner. Saturday morning; 2 workshops, Lunch and speaker
- SD presented the Vice President's REPORT [PDF]
- PC presented the Treasurer's REPORT [PDF]
 - Discussion on making Academe an online publication to cut costs
 - Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: SG, KE seconded; unanimously approved
 - Motion to authorize up to \$500 in support of the American Historical Association reception following the AAUP History session at the January 2015 conference: DL, KE seconded; unanimously approved
 - Discussion of grant from National AAUP
 - Motion to Resolve to commit to apply for conference development grant for the enhancement of the spring 2015 NYS AAUP conference meeting; DL; IY seconded unanimously approved
- Committee Reports
 - IY presented Committee A report; asked how they could be of better service to the membership
 - Outreach through email suggested
 - Include an article in Academe
 - Do a mailing to membership and also include announcement about Spring conference celebration
 - KE presented on Committee on Chapters, Members, and Dues: discussed issues on hiring/firing in Western NY and merger between St. Bonaventure and Hilbert College

- JB discussed Faculty Holding Contingent Appointment
- SD presented report on Status of Women in the Profession: discussed various issues on women's issues and issues on the SUNY Cortland campus
- Reports on Councils REPORT [PDF]
 - JD presented on CUNY Council and Collective Bargaining Council
 - Discussion of Pathways and faculty concerns
 - Contract negotiations has stalled
 - Contacted all collective bargaining chapters in NY
 - Discussion on procedures for events, special guests, and free speech
- TP presented Executive Director's REPORT [PDF]
 - Better response from national AAUP
 - Support grant due in December
 - Election coming up
 - Spring conference April 24-25, 2015
 - Thank you to SD for assisting in Cortland conference
 - PC moved SG seconded to thank SD for her hard work on the conference
- JP presented NYSC Election Committee Report
 - Deadline for nominations is Nov 15, 2014
- Old business: none
- New business:
 - SG asked about summer national meeting
 - Contest for students on academic freedom
 - 34 NYS members in attendance
 - Discussion on Capitol Hill day
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the NYS Conference would greatly appreciate that the Government Relations Staff prepare materials well in advance of Capitol Hill Day so conferences can prepare and be organized to advocate effectively; moved by

SG, JB seconded; unanimously approved

- JB presented at conference
- IY asked TP to look for someone in Capital District to act as Government Relations person for conference
- SD acknowledged speakers and suggested a formal thank you to all speakers be sent
- Meeting adjourned 12:11 PM

Respectfully submitted by J Polemeni 1/12/14. updated

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