

Illinois AAUP Council Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Dining room, first floor
Minutes for April 30, 2011, 10 a.m.

Present: Michael Harkins, Harper College, Ken Andersen, UIUC, Lisa Higgins, College of DuPage, Peter Kirstein, St. Xavier, Leo Welch, Southwestern Illinois College, Diana Vallera, Columbia College, Joerg Tiede, Illinois Wesleyan, John Wilson, Lee Maltby, St. Augustine College, new member Dan Tomal, Concordia University of Chicago

1. Call to order at 10 a.m. and welcome from President Michael Harkins
2. Approval of October 10, 2010 minutes
 - a. 10:03 minutes moved and approved with minimal change

3. Officer reports

- a. President Michael Harkins

IL AAUP is doing a lot of good work! Michael has spent a great amount of time on elections, working with lawyers from national. There were no problems with the process, which was followed to the letter. Per Michael, this issue of Illinois Academe was outstanding, kudos to John Wilson. For membership outreach, many thanks to Joerg Tiede. Michael reported he has served as an observer to several faculty grievance/mediation hearings. The forms for delegates to the ASC submitted on time, as well as requests for grants to underwrite costs of IL AAUP. Thanks to Ken Reddy and Dr. Tomal for their work on website. Michael hopes we will digitize Ill Academe soon. Support was expressed for putting Academe online asap. Revenue and expenditures are fine, thanks expressed for good work from Ken A. our treasurer. Michael reported receiving many requests for help; to offer faculty support, how to conduct no confidence votes, etc. There has been a large rise in requests in the last 1 ½ years.

- b. Treasurer report Ken Andersen

Ken provided excellent documentation on finances for the state council. Ken made one note that IL AAUP income is actually at 18k, not 16 as noted. We now need to budget for phone expenses as these are increasing and members' institutions are not willing to foot the costs. Some discussion on individual expenses then followed. Ken reported he is working on some very real issues at Adler School of Professional Psychology. There are issues related to bylaws, tenure, etc.

4. Vice President Peter Kirstein Committee A report

Very busy year! The committee needs at least two new members, ideally one should be a woman. DePaul problems continue! Dr. Goswami case continues. It has received national attention, and 'put us on the map'. This has led to increased calls for help. Peter reported that our Committee A relationship with national is 'mixed', and needs to be improved.

5. Chapter and membership reports

Joerg Tiede reported that chapter development is a slow and difficult process. There are faculty who are sometimes in fear of working with AAUP. Joerg reported that North Park University is to have an election soon, as is North Central College. Knox College and

Marquette are in the process of development; Joerg will visit Marquette next week. Elmhurst College also wants to start chapter.

6. Governmental Relations

Leo Welch attended a meeting of the Center For The Study of Collective Bargaining In Higher Education in New York in April, chaired panel on 'Common Good.' He also attended other seminars as well. Per one speaker, Scot Josnick, there is no 'clear message to the public. Higher ed is 'splintered'. Leo noted that this is the only meeting where ALL the main stakeholders of higher education meet.

Leo then reported on a number of bills in the Illinois legislature. Of most interest is HB 148, a conceal and carry bill, which has 80 sponsors in general assembly! It will pass according to Leo. Needs to be amended, ban guns in campus buildings as well as private vehicles. Univ pres support amendment to limit access to college grounds/buildings, Leo has sent letter requesting fuller ban as mentioned above under the what system?? Will , Govenor Quinn, hope to amend. It was recommended that the Council pass resolution against the bill, we have nothing to lose. Motion was approved for Leo to draft resolution for council to support ban of all guns on campus, except campus safety officers. Leo noted however that this is not a simple issue as there are other considerations such as ROTC, police programs, or where needed perhaps, for educational mission, such as criminal justice.

Leo then reported on 3 other bills. One concerns performance based funding, HB 1503. However, as Leo stated, 'the devil in the details!' What kind of formula is to be used?, esp. when considering the different missions and students served by various institutions. Senate bill 59, has to do with student achievement. It concerns the transfer needs of what community college students have accomplished and four year institution will accept. Leo's summary—nothing good is going on in the legislature!

7. Ill Academe— per Michael H., outstanding, and we need to thank John Wilson.

Following up on other items, Michael reported that delegates to national convention are all set. IL AAUP followed all the procedures from national to ensure that the election for delegates was done properly.

8. Council Elections—secretary and treasurer, new council members. Per request of the president, Ken Andersen and Leo Welch recommended the re-election of Ken Andersen for treasurer and Lee Maltby for secretary, both for two year terms. We also have the nomination of Dr. Daniel Tomal of Concordia University of Chicago as a new council member for a three year term. All nominations were accepted (and then validated at the short business meeting that followed at 11:35 a.m.)

9. New business—Lisa Higgins updated the council on issues at College of DuPage.

Apparently the board has shifted politically after recent elections. Joerg visited COD and is assisting to form a new AAUP chapter there.

Michael and Lee asked for resolution for Board to recognize Kurt Field, who has served IL AAUP for years. Motion was approved.

10. Adjournment 10:48, followed by a short break with lunch and business meeting to follow in same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Maltby, secretary

