

## Illinois AAUP Council Meeting

Columbia College, 600 S. Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Minutes for October 15, 2011,

Present: President Michael Harkins, Harper College, Vice President Peter Kirstein, Saint Xavier University, Ken Andersen, UIC, Dan Tomal, Concordia University of Chicago, Leo Welch, Southwestern Ill. Community College, Joerg Tiede, Illinois Wesleyan University, John Wilson, Diana Vallera, Columbia College, Lee Maltby, Recorder, St. Augustine College

1. President Harkins called the meeting to order a few minutes after 10 a.m. Following a few brief comments regarding the importance and benefits of the meeting being held at Columbia College, President Harkins thanked Diana Vallera for hosting IL AAUP.
2. Michael Harkins then moved to approve the April 30, 2011 minutes, which were approved following the correction of two typos.
3. Officer reports:
  - a. President Michael Harkins began by commending the council members who work on activities outside the regular meetings. In particular he mentioned council members attending events at North Central College in Naperville. Peter K. was thanked for arranging for new stationery, Ken A. was thanked for his work archiving AAUP materials at UIC. Michael Harkins reported having many conversations with institutions and faculty. He also attended six hearings as an observer at the request of national to help ensure that due process is being followed in faculty hearings. Concerns coming from faculty include intellectual property, departments closing, faculty hiring and tenure, due process, contracts and negotiations, collective bargaining, corporatization, and marginalization of faculty. Michael also noted the importance of supporting adjunct faculty. Michael again thanked Diana Vallera for her work in having the meeting hosted at Columbia, and Dan Tomal for his willingness to provide back-up support to host the meeting at Concordia if necessary. Website is working very well and being updated regularly and is very positive image of IL AAUP. Spring elections went well and Michael will work with John Wilson to inform membership in Ill Academe of 2012 elections. Michael asked Leo Welch and Dan Tomal to serve as the nominating committee and to forward nominations to Ken A. Michael mentioned WIU, Heartland CC, and CLC as institutions needing our support. Michael was urged to share communication from National with IL AAUP Committee A when appropriate.
  - b. Vice President Peter Kirstein then offered a brief report on conditions at Saint Xavier University. The administration is appealing a decision from the Chicago office of the NLRB that ruled against the administration's stance towards the organization of adjunct faculty. Peter fears that the loss of the

adjunct faculty union could lead to the loss of the full-time faculty union, and described the situation ‘as dire.’ On November 16 a ‘Teach-In’ will be held at SXU to support the adjunct faculty. It was recommended that IL AAUP consider a resolution supporting the adjunct faculty. Peter K. acknowledged the great work that Professor Peter Hilton, president of SXU AAUP chapter, has done on behalf of the faculty at SXU.

- c. Treasurer Ken Andersen then reported that ‘the budget is good.’ Ken lamented the charges that the bank levies to the account and he was encouraged to look elsewhere for another bank. If he should find a better depository for our funds, he should then email his request to the Executive Committee for approval. As there were no charges for faculty to attend the Summer Institute, the balance is healthy. Joerg Tiede reported that the next Summer Institute could be held in Chicago in 2012. Lee volunteered to help with that activity should the institute be held in Chicago.
- d. Lee Maltby, recorder—no report

#### 4. Committee reports

- a. Committee A—Peter Kirstein reported (as an aside) that the case of council member Elizabeth Hoppe was dismissed from the Northern District Circuit Court of Cook County. Peter K. also mentioned that IL AAUP intervened on another case that resulted in a letter from National. Peter also reported that new Committee A members Jerry Kendall (John Marshall Law School) and Loretta Capeheart (NEIU) were very positive additions to the committee. Peter also complimented Joerg on his support for the committee.
- b. Membership—Joerg Tiede reported that the membership committee, which includes himself, Lisa Higgins, Dan Tomal, Ken Andersen, Todd Ryan, and Brian Frederking, has been busy. The most recent and newly created chapter is at North Central College in Naperville. The chapter at North Park University is still in process, as is the chapter at Marquette University in Madison, Wis. Chapter at ISU is struggling, and the chapter at Columbia College is ‘gearing up.’ Other prospects include Elmhurst College, Knox College, and College of DuPage. Ken A. asked if the chapter at Loyola is functioning; Michael said he would inquire. Leo Welch recommended that IL AAUP try to find a contact at UIC, as that could be a very large (if not the largest) chapter. It would also be beneficial to have a council member from UIC.
- c. Governmental relations—Leo Welch (committee of one) provided a summary of bills passed and pending with the Illinois Legislature. Leo focused on bill #'s 122 (an unfunded mandate), 1503, which could have negative repercussions on faculty, and 1883, which reflects the pressures on the state budget for education—essentially downward. Leo also attached a position paper on the issue of ‘Performance based funding’ and the ‘skills gap’ that exists and bedevils the ability of lawmakers to address Illinois. It was

suggested by Joerg that the committee be increased in number to assist Leo in this work (or if in case he should decide to let go of this committee, to have someone to take his place). Brian F. was mentioned as a possible member.

5. Spring conference—Michael Harkins requested that the spring conference be held at Concordia University in River Forest. There was little comment on the issue and Michael's suggestion was approved. Once Dan Tomal knows the status of room availability, etc., at Concordia, Michael will contact council members to determine the best date for the conference.
6. New business—it was suggested by Leo Welch that the president of EIU, Dr. William Perry, be recognized by IL AAUP for his positive and consistent comments supporting AAUP principles. There is an award (that has not been utilized by IL AAUP in recent years) that could be given to a person who supports AAUP. Leo will draft a resolution for the occasion when the award is to be given.
7. At approximately 11:50 Michael Harkins moved to adjourn and have lunch prior to hearing our speakers Diana Vallera and Ken Andersen. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Maltby, Recorder