GRU Chapter of AAUP Meeting
April 18, 2014

Guest Speaker – Dr. Mark Hamrick, Director of Research
• Himself formerly an AAUP member at Kent State (in a Collective Bargaining unit, with membership around 50% of their faculty)
• Has been trying to establish a DoR presence on the Summerville campus with set hours, etc.
• Their largest facility is “animal control,” with several thousand (!) rodents.
• Another branch is the Office of Innovation and Technical Research, which includes patents / licensing / trademarks as well as mobile device app development
• Their Sponsor Programs and Administration branch includes Grants Management
• Extensive discussion of the Research Institute.
  o The F&A percentage (overhead) is presently ~50%.
  o The Research Institute is 20% of that 50%.
  o Currently $14-$15M comes into GUR in research funds.
  o Faculty gets 10% of that 20%; doing the math ($14M) X (50% x 20% x 10%) = $140,000.
  o CURS Summer Scholarship now is 50% subsidized by the Research Institute, with the Provost’s Office funding the remaining half.
  o Academic travel is also partially funded by the Research Institute.
• Most of the above are not (yet?) budget line items.
• Research grant funding was severely hurt by the dearth of state funds and freezing (or reduction) of federal funds. But some funding is available; faculty should be encouraged to apply for internal grants as “seed money” when considering outside grant possibilities.
• In response to a question from Bill Reese, Mark stated that we have pre-award staff who can help faculty, particularly with the budget portion of grant funding requests.

Business Meeting
Minutes of 2/21/14 and 3/21/14 approved as submitted.

Officer’s Reports

Treasurer’s Report
No change from 3/21

Secretary’s Report
• No updates

Vice-President
• Nothing to report

Unfinished Business
• Angela Bratton and Scotty Scott as the committee designated to put together a slate of potential officers (Chapter President and Chapter Treasurer) reported a lack of volunteers for the former, and the willingness of the incumbent (Angela) to continue as the latter.
  o Angela was re-elected unanimously.
Mike Bishku moved, and a vote approved, that the election of a new Chapter President be postponed until next semester; Mike agreed to continue as President until then.

New Business

- Bill Reese reported that the Library Policy regarding acquisitions and retentions is expected to be announced shortly; we will need to review it once promulgated. Among other things, we should see whether it includes a recommendation to transfer the Library from Services to Academics.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Robert Scott, acting for Jeff Heck as Secretary