Minutes of the June 15th, 2012 Membership Meeting

Members Present: Melissa Powell-Williams, Mark Fissel, Mike Bishku, Robert Scott, Wally Evans, and Bill Reese

Nonmembers Present: Elizabeth Wark, and Douglas Keskula

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:35 by chapter president Mike Bishku.

II. Old Business
   a. Minutes of the May 18, 2012 meeting were read and approved.
   b. Officer Reports
      i. Treasurer: $32.59 in savings and $1175.97 in checking accounts.
      ii. Secretary: No report
      iii. VP: Discussed the consolidation forums and their coverage in the Augusta Chronicle. In conjunction with the guidelines presented in the Red Book, suggested that the chapter propose the creation of a faculty-only committee that focuses on budgetary concerns.
      iv. President: Discussed the consolidation forums and the availability of online discussion for both ASU and GHSU faculty and staff.
   c. Draft of Proclamation for President Bloodworth: Bill Reese presented a draft of the proclamation for review. Motion to amend proclamation made and approved. Motion to approve proclamation made and approved (with one member opposing). Motion to present this proclamation at the first faculty meeting in the fall made and approved (with one member opposing) as stated:
      "Whereas the Augusta State University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors is dedicated to the promotion, maintenance, and enhancement of academic freedom and shared governance, and

      Whereas William A. Bloodworth has been a steadfast advocate for an practitioner of academic freedom and shared governance throughout his 19 year tenure as ASU President,

      It is fitting that AAUP@ASU proclaim its appreciation publicly for President Bloodworth—champion of the principles of academic freedom and shared governance.
   d. Update on Progress by Faculty Governance Work Group: Bill Reese reported that the drafted model includes:
      i. 30 voting faculty: 6 officio, 4 from the Medical College, 2 from each remaining college, four from the medical college, and 4 at large. Nonvoting members include part time, staff, and students. Each college will be electing an internal governance working group. University
College will have a dean and eight permanent faculty. It is unclear if these faculty will be tenured or tenure track positions.

ii. There will be a several university wide committees that will cover vital issues (tenure, etc.) that will be populated by faculty. Faculty have been given the opportunity to vote on which committees will be given university-wide status. To better facilitate communication, members of the senate will serve as chairs to these committees.

III. New Business

a. Fall 2012 Meetings: In effort to increase the presence of GHSU faculty and staff, Mike Bishku suggests alternating meeting times between ASU and GHSU campuses. This change will also require flexibility in regards to meeting days and times. Motion to begin alternating meeting locations and times made and approved. The next meeting will take place on the GHSU campus. Times and detailed locations will be finalized at a later time.

b. Contingent and Non-Tenure Faculty Track Issues: Robert Scott proposes that the chapter explore tenure to be offered all permanent full time instructors. Such a move is in line with AAUP guidelines, will help to provide voice for permanent full time instructors, and will be particularly pertinent for the faculty within the University College. Motion to make suggestion at the September faculty meeting made and approved. Expecting low turnout for the July meeting, chapter will continue to move on this issue in the August meeting. Before this time chapter will consider drafting this statement and can vote on its language electronically.

c. Domestic Partnership Issue: This issue will continue to be addressed. Chapter will arrange for Walt Alexanderson to attend the Augusta meeting to address this matter.

IV. Meeting is Adjourned: 4:20.