AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS
AAUP@ASU
Minutes of the, January 17, 2013 Meeting

Present: Mike Bishku, Robert Scott, Melissa Powell-Williams, Camilla Baker, Bill Reese, Allison Foley, Jen Trunzo, and Cynthia Chernecky

Invited Guest: Chip Matson and Bill English

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes: Minutes of the October 19th meeting were approved.

B. Officer Reports:

1. President: All matters will be discussed in separate agenda items.

2. VP: All matters will be discussed in separate agenda items.

3. Secretary: The task of updating the website continues. For now it may be sufficient to update file names in preparation for the changing website system. Perhaps the new national AAUP template can be used as well.

4. Treasurer (Reported by chapter VP): Minimal change since last meeting.

C. ASU Faculty meetings on Librarians’ Faculty Status and Library Costs—There has been no significant change in regards to this issue. Dr.Ciburka will attend the February meeting to discuss the current status of the decision, P&T guidelines, rationale for eliminating pathways to tenure, and the role the faculty have played and will continue to play in such decisions. It is expected that this matter will also continue to be addressed by the faculty senate.

D. Faculty Governance Plans—Attendees discussed how to ensure that the formerly ASU faculty are given the opportunity to vote on the GRU governance structure. Ideally, the newly elected faculty senate can address the matter. Another option is to send the completed guidelines to faculty within the four (formerly ASU) colleges for a vote. Chapter president Mike Bishku will address the logistics of this second option with former faculty secretary Edgar Johnson.

II: New Business:

A. Invited Guest Chip Mason and Bill English from ITS: Mr. Mason and Mr. English discussed common communication barriers experienced by faculty and staff as a result of the consolidation. Issues included the lack of clear method of sending information across the campuses, colleges, and departments while avoiding over-cluttering up email accounts, continued experiences of many not receiving critical emails. It is expected that the many of the issues related to the changing systems will continue possibly for months, possibly years. However, dissolving communication barriers can begin by routinely updating faculty and staff on the changes that have and will occur to the listserv systems, reducing reliance on emails to share events and news, establish clear guidelines of usage of mass, university-wide listserves, more effectively utilize the weekly report, developing a mechanism that supplements the weekly report, rely less on email...
notifications to communicate events and points of interests, encourage faculty and staff to voluntarily join particular listserves of interest to them, address the matter with the GRU Governance and Communication Committee, open the discussion to all faculty and staff by means of an open forum,

B. Part-time faculty: Attendees discussed the current and future role of part-time faculty within faculty governance. Since we expect that the transition into a comprehensive research university will increase our reliance on part-time faculty and non-tenure track faculty it is important to reconsider issues such as whether part time faculty be allowed to have a vote in AAUP, college, and university decisions, offering healthcare benefits at health science campuses for those working 30 or more hours a week mark, and extending rights to all amenities available to part-time faculty.

C. Membership Update: Given the difficulty associated with standard means of communication members decided to recruit members by reaching out to individual colleges. Officers will contact two colleges each and attempt to add a brief presentation as an agenda item at one of their meetings.

Meeting Adjourned 3:52