Minutes of the August 19, 2011 Membership Meeting

Members present: Jeff Heck, Robert Scott, Mark Fissel, Angela Bratton, Beverly Collins, Ray Whiting, Mike Searles, Mike Bishku, Allison Foley, Jeanette Merriweather, Melissa Powell-Williams, and Bill Reese

Visitors present: Penny Alderman

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:35 by chapter president Bill Reese.

II. Old Business

A. April 15th minutes were read and approved.

B. Officer Reports:
   i. Treasurer: We currently have $925.69 in the checking and $35.59 in the savings accounts. The bank is moving toward an electronic system, where the account statements will be made available online and emailed on a monthly basis. Chapter votes to switch to the online system.
   ii. Secretary: No News
   iii. VP:
      1. Current attempts toward recruitment have been unsuccessful.
      2. The chapter will establish an email account (aaup@aug) to be used for this news system so that access will be made available to members and so the transition between treasurers will not be problematic.
   ii. President: Though they were made available by the chapter, no informational flyers were in the “goody-bag” distributed at faculty orientation.

C. Contingent faculty: The proposed changes will be discussed at the FPC meeting. Issues related to contingency faculty are found in the appendix of the faculty manual, and may not require the majority of faculty approval before implementation. Clarity on this issue will need to be addressed. The next step will be to examine the language presented in the faculty manual in regards to non tenure-track faculty.

D. Sick Leave Pool: No News

E. Communication on campus:
   i. Mike Searles has made contact with Patty Limerick, a current “Faculty Fool” for the University of Colorado. She may share her “fool files” that contain newspaper clippings, notes, and reports from fools.
   ii. The existing subcommittee will work toward establishing a permanent or at least frequent venue for faculty to share their grievances and praises.
Chapter recognizes that moving on this issue quickly is important so we do not lose the momentum gained last year.

F. Other Old Business: None

III. New Business:
   A. Optional Retirement Pool: No changes have been made. The proposal passed the senate however did not pass the house. Since it did pass the senate, we are hopeful that it there is some level of support and the issue may be brought up at a later time.

   B. Recruitment: Chapter agrees that traditional means of recruitment such as administering flyers, sending emails, and face-to-face recruitment should continue. Chapter agrees that there is a need to inform faculty about the goals, activities, and benefits of AAUP. The first faculty meeting of the year would be the best venue to address this need. Robert Scott will look into getting a brief presentation added to the agenda. A subcommittee including Robert Scott, Angela Bratton, Allison Foley, Mike Searles, Beverly Collins, and Melissa Powell-Williams will meet to discuss the form and content of the information that will be presented.

   C. Other New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 3:56