

## **Record of the Council June 15 & 17, 2018**

The Council of the Association met June 15 and 17, 2018, at the Doubletree Hotel, in Arlington, Virginia. President Rudy Fichtenbaum presided. Participating were members of the Council (with the exception of Secretary-Treasurer Michele Ganon, Jacqueline Arante, Kevin Cope, Sonya Hester, Cynthia Klekar, Linda Rouillard, and Mehmet Yaya), parliamentarian Kerry Grant, executive director Julie Schmid, general counsel Risa Lieberwitz, and members of the AAUP staff. Also attending was Deborah Cooperstein of the Contingency Planning Working Group. President Fichtenbaum called the meeting to order on June 15, 2018, and introduced parliamentarian Kerry Grant, new Council members Brooks Ellwood, Daniel Henrich, Patricia Navarra, Linda Carroll, Diana Rios, David Sanders, Alex Zukas, Jonathan Rees, Charlie Parrish, Loren Glass, Monica Black, Huey-Li Li, Zoran Gajic, James Davis, Irene Mulvey, Carolyn Betensky, Brian Turner and new members of the AAUP national staff. The Council adopted its agenda and approved the minutes of prior meetings.

### **Report of the Secretary-Treasurer**

On June 15, in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Michele Ganon, President Fichtenbaum gave a detailed summary of the FY2017 audit report and the results of the audit. The Council accepted the Association's FY2017 audit report. President Fichtenbaum also reported on the AAUP's financial position and investments.

### **Report of the President**

President Fichtenbaum focused the Council on the need for continued solidarity and unity, urging the need to work together to become stronger and more effective.

### **Report of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure**

Henry Reichman, chair of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, presented the committee's report to Council. He referred to Committee A's statement recommending to the 104th Annual Meeting that it place the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on the Association's list of censured administrations, as well as its statement recommending to the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting that it remove Stillman College from the Association's list of censured administrations. The Council concurred with the one recommendation for censure and the one recommendation for removal of censure.

### **Report of Committee on College and University Governance**

Michael DeCesare, chair of the Committee on College and University Governance, reported on the activities of the committee. He referred to the committee's statement on recommending to the 104th Annual Meeting that it remove the University of Iowa from the Association's list of sanctioned institutions. The Council concurred in the one recommendation for removal of sanction.

### **Report of the AAUP Foundation**

Henry Reichman, chair of the AAUP Foundation, reported on the Foundation's activities.

### **Report of the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress**

Paul Davis, chair of the AAUP-CBC, reported on organizing activities, including organizing successes in the state of Oregon. Professor Davis spoke on the negative impact that *Janus v. AFSCME*, Council 31 case could have. He shared the results of the CBC officer elections stating that Dennis Mazzocco was elected Secretary, Deborah Cooperstein was elected Treasurer, and Brian Gallagher and Noeleen McIlvenna were elected to At-Large positions.

### **Report of the Assembly of State Conferences**

Brian Turner, chair of the Assembly of State Conferences, reported on the activities of the ASC including grants activities and the scholarship awards for the Summer Institute and provided an

update on recent the Capitol Hill Day. He also shared the results of the recent business meeting stating that Irene Mulvey was elected as Vice-Chair and Leah Akins was elected as Secretary.

### **Report of the Committee on Membership**

Irene Mulvey, chair of the Committee on Membership, reported on the activities of the committee, including its work on the dues structure and membership trends.

### **New Database Update**

Josh Lenes, Lead Organizer-Campaign Specialist, presented an update on the search to replace the current Membership Database including the anticipated budget and next steps.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Julie Schmid deferred her comments to the written report provided to the body. She acknowledged the work of the national staff.

### **Report of the Office of Staff Counsel**

General Counsel Risa Lieberwitz reported on the activities of the legal office, highlighting judicial decisions in cases in which AAUP submitted *amicus curiae* briefs.

### **Report of the 2018 Elections Committee**

General Counsel Risa Lieberwitz reported on the 2018 election, noting the receipt of two protests, one of which was found to have merit. She noted that the committee did not have specific recommendations for changes to ballot design but suggested Council may want to consider ballot design in the future. The Council directed staff to work with the elections vendor on design of the ballot and report back to Council on the process by which the ballot can be redesigned. The Council voted to have the Elections Committee to look at ways of improving the election process. Senior Counsel Aaron Nisenson reported on the results of this year's election and the general timeline for the election re-run.

### **Election to Fill District IX Vacancy**

The Council elected Mary Ann Mahony to fill the District IX vacancy.

### **Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda**

The Council approved the agenda of the 104th Annual Meeting. The Council approved the extension of the deadline for delegate registration.

### **Personnel Update**

The Council discussed personnel matters.

### **AFT Update**

The Council discussed the partnership with AFT.

### **Contingency Planning Update**

The Council discussed contingency planning and directed the working group to come back to Council with specific proposals.

### **Business from the Annual Meeting**

There was no business.

### **Suggestions for the Annual 2019 Conference**

The Council discussed the concept of bargaining for the common good as an area of focus.