

## **Record of the Council June 14 and 16, 2019**

The Council of the Association met June 14 and 16, 2019, at the Doubletree Hotel, in Arlington, Virginia. President Rudy Fichtenbaum presided. Participating were members of the Council (with the exception of Sonya Hester), parliamentarian Colette Trohan, executive director Julie Schmid, general counsel Risa Lieberwitz, and members of the AAUP staff. President Fichtenbaum called the meeting to order on June 14, 2019 and introduced parliamentarian Colette Trohan. The Council adopted its agenda and approved the minutes of prior meetings.

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

On June 14, Secretary-Treasurer Michele Ganon gave a detailed summary of the FY2018 audit report and the results of the audit. The Council accepted the Association's FY2018 audit report. Ganon and Interim Chief Financial Officer Eric Whiteley also reported on the FY2018 year-to-date financial report and investment report.

### **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 105th Annual Meeting that it place St. Edward's University (Texas) and Nunez Community College (Louisiana) on the Association's list of censured administrations. The Council concurred with the two recommendations for 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

105th Annual Meeting that it remove the University of Idaho from the Association's list of sanctioned institutions. He also referred to the committee's statement on recommending to the 105th Annual Meeting that it add the Vermont Law School to the Association's list of sanctioned institutions. The Council concurred with the one recommendation for removal of sanction and one recommendation for imposition of sanction.

### **Recommendation to Merge the Committee on Women in the Academic Profession and the Committee on Sexual Diversity & Gender Identity**

The Council approved the merging of the Committee on Women in the Academic Profession and the Committee on Sexual Diversity & Gender Identity, and to rename the combined entity the Committee on Gender & Sexuality in the Academic Profession.

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

Brian Turner, chair of the Assembly of State Conferences, reported on the activities of the ASC. He also shared the results of the recent business meeting stating that Lyn Tatum was re-elected as member-at-large.

### **Statement on Dual Enrollment**

The Council unanimously approved endorsing the statement on dual enrollment.

### **Update on State Conference Working Group**

Brian Turner, chair of the State Conference Working Group, reported that the State Conference Working Group will present a report in November on recommendations on how to support state conferences in the absence of the Assembly of State Conferences.

## **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. The Council unanimously adopted the Report of the Committee on Membership.

## **Contingency Planning**

President Rudy Fichtenbaum reported that the AAUP-CBC voted unanimously to dissolve the CBC and that CBC dissolution is contingent on the outcome of the voting on the package of two motions that will go before the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Contingency Planning Working Group asked for input from the Council in preparations for the Annual Meeting.

## **Recommendation on Changes to the Standing Rules Governing the Annual Meeting**

Senior Counsel Aaron Nisenson presented proposed modifications to the Standing Rules Governing the Annual Meeting. The Council approved adding to the introduction the phrase "The regulations were last amended by the meeting in June 2019 and effective at the close of the meeting." The Council approved recommending the amendments, as modified, to the Association meeting rules to the Annual Meeting contingent upon enactment of the proposed constitutional amendments, and the other elements of the AAUP restructuring.

## **Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda**

The Council unanimously approved the agenda of the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

## **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Julie Schmid stated that the Contingency Planning Working Group will shift to restructuring implementation after the voting takes place at the Annual Meeting. She acknowledged the work of the national staff working on the Annual Meeting.

## **Report of the Office of Staff Counsel and Litigation Update**

General Counsel Risa Lieberwitz reported on the activities of the legal office, highlighting judicial decisions in cases in which AAUP submitted *amicus curiae* briefs. Council also received an update on pending litigation.

## **Resolution Regarding Signatories for the American Association of University Professors**

The Council unanimously approved the resolution to add additional signatories to the AAUP bank account.

## **Restructuring Implementation and Review of AAUP Policies**

The Council unanimously approved the policy for rescinding charters of inactive chapters as set forth in the “the Summary of Process and Proposed Policy for Rescinding Charters of Inactive Chapters” memorandum. The Council unanimously approved the motion that Council delegates the responsibility for drafting proposed policies and procedures for submission to Council to review and approval at the next Council meeting as set for in the “Proposals Regarding Delegating Drafting of Policies for Council Approval” memorandum.

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

There was no business.

## **Personnel Update**

The Council discussed personnel matters.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The November 2019 Council meeting was scheduled for November 23-24, 2019 in Washington, DC.

## **New Business**

President Fichtenbaum and Executive Director Julie Schmid reported that Council members will be receiving electronic ballots next week to elect four 2019-2020 at-large members of the Executive Committee. Executive Director Julie Schmid reported that the Executive Committee Retreat is scheduled for August 24-25, 2019 in Washington, DC.

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