

Record of the Council November 18 and 19, 2017

The Council of the Association met November 18 and 19, 2017, at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, VA. President Rudy H. Fichtenbaum presided. Participating were members of the Council (with the exception of Sonya Hester, David Hughes, Cynthia Klekar, Julian Madison, and Mehmet Yaya), parliamentarian Kerry Grant, general counsel Risa Lieberwitz, executive director Julie M. Schmid, and members of the AAUP staff. President Fichtenbaum called the meeting to order on November 18, 2017, and introduced the parliamentarian and new members of the national AAUP staff. The Council adopted its agenda and approved the minutes of prior meetings.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

On November 18, secretary-treasurer Michele Ganon and interim chief financial officer George Margula gave a summary of the FY2017 year-to-date financial report and investment report and presented the recommended FY2018 budget.

Report of the Committee on Organization of the Association

Committee chair Irene Mulvey reported on the delegate credentialing process, including specific changes to ensure accurate accounting of credentialed delegates.

Report of the Committee on Climate Change

The Council received the report of the Committee on Climate Change. The Council thanked the committee for its service and disbanded the committee.

Report of the President

President Fichtenbaum reserved his remarks for the executive session. He recognized the efforts of secretary-treasurer Michele Ganon.

Course Release for Secretary-Treasurer

The Council approved one spring semester course release for secretary-treasurer Michele Ganon.

Report of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure

Henry Reichman, chair of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, reported on the activities of the committee and the recent Committee A meeting. A subcommittee report, *National Security, the Assault on Science, and Academic Freedom*, was discussed. On November 18, the Council adopted the report.

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 the activities of the AAUP-CBC, including organizing activities and efforts to prepare chapters for the decision in the *Janus* case.

Report of the Assembly of State Conferences

Brian Turner, chair of the ASC, reported on the ASC's activities, including informing legislators about the effects of the *Janus* decision.

Report of the Department of Organizing and Services

Christopher Simeone, director of the Department of Organizing and Services, reported on the activities of the department and gave updates on conference pilot programs. The Council approved continued funding of the Nevada Faculty Alliance pilot project.

Approval of Agreement with the Council of UC Faculty Associations

The Council approved a one-year renewal of the agreement with the Council of UC Faculty Associations.

Report of the Legal Department

General counsel Risa Lieberwitz and senior counsel Aaron Nisenson reported on the activities of the legal department, including the status of current AAUP amicus briefs in federal and state courts.

Report on Faculty Compensation Survey and Research Program

Joseph Roy, senior researcher, reported on the faculty compensation survey, including issues regarding data and institutional participation rates.

Update on Digital Organizing Program

Gwendolyn Bradley, director of the Department of External Relations, reported on the strategies and goals of the digital organizing program.

Update on 2018 Annual Conference

Executive director Julie Schmid reported on planning for the 2018 Annual Conference, the theme of which will be "Free Speech on Campus." Also discussed was the decision to forego Capitol Hill Day at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive director Julie Schmid reserved her remarks for the executive session. She commented on the challenges facing the Association.

Contingency Planning

The Council discussed contingency planning.

Approval of FY2018 Budget

The Council approved the FY2018 budget for the AAUP.

Approval of Transfer of Reserve Funds

The Council approved the transfer of reserve funds to cover the FY2018 budget deficits.

Election Appeals Committee

Friedrich Schuler, Michael DeCesare, and John Castella were elected by acclamation as members of the Election Appeals Committee.

Personnel Update

The Council discussed personnel matters.

Dates for November 2018 Meeting

The Council approved the dates of November 17 and 18, 2018, for the next November Council meeting.