

Record of the Council June 16 and 18, 2017

The Council of the Association met June 16 and 18, 2017, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. President Rudy H. Fichtenbaum presided. Participating were members of the Council (with the exception of Jacqueline Aranté, Zoran Gajic, Sonya Hester, Cynthia Klekar, 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 June 16, 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 June 16, secretary-treasurer Michele Ganon gave a detailed summary of the FY2016 audit report and the results of the audit. The Council accepted the Association's FY2016 audit report. She also reported on the AAUP's financial position and investments.

Report of the President

President Fichtenbaum reserved his remarks for the executive session.

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 the Council. He referred to Committee A's statements recommending to the 103rd Annual Meeting that it place the Community College of Aurora (Colorado) and Spalding University (Kentucky) on the Association's list of censured administrations as well as its statements recommending to the 103rd Annual Meeting that it remove Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from the Association's list of censured administrations. The Council concurred in the two recommendations for censure and the two recommendations for removal of censure.

Report of the Committee on College and University Governance

Michael DeCesare, chair of the Committee on College and University Governance, reported on the activities of the committee, including the 2016 Shared Governance Conference.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive director Julie Schmid reserved her remarks for the contingency planning portion of the agenda. She recognized the efforts and hard work of the national staff.

***Academe* Proposal**

Michael Ferguson, managing editor of *Academe*, reported on proposed changes to *Academe* that would improve the dissemination of the digital edition of the magazine and increase efficiencies. The Council approved the proposed changes to *Academe*.

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.

Report of the Committee on Climate Change

David Hughes, chair of the Committee on Climate Change, reported on the activities of the committee and provided a preview of the upcoming committee report.

Election of Nominating Committee Members

Mike Mauer, staff to the Nominating Committee, reported on the nomination process. Leslie Bary, Natalio Avani, and Anne Friedman were selected as members of the Nominating Committee.

Election of Election Committee Members

Aaron Nisenson, senior counsel, reported on the duties of the committee. Julian Madison was selected as a member of the Election Committee.

Report of the AAUP Foundation

Edward D'Antoni, director of development, reported on the Foundation's activities and plans with regard to fund-raising and grant making.

Report of the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress

Howard Bunsis, chair of the AAUP-CBC, reported on the activities of the CBC, including the CBC officer elections. An update to the *Statement on Collective Bargaining* was presented. The Council approved the updated *Statement on Collective Bargaining*.

Report of the Assembly of State Conferences

Brian Turner, chair of the ASC, reported on the ASC's activities, including the election of Dan Murphy as a member-at-large.

Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda

The Council approved the agenda of the 103rd Annual Meeting. The Council approved the extension of the deadline for delegate registration. The Council directed the Committee on Organization of the Association to review the credentialing process.

Committee on Accreditation

The Council approved the motion to eliminate the Committee on Accreditation.

Report of the Legal Department

General counsel Risa Lieberwitz reported on the activities of the legal department, including the status of current AAUP amicus briefs in federal and state courts. Senior counsel Aaron Nisenson provided additional information about the *Janus* case. Associate counsel Nancy Long reminded the Council about available support for legal cases from the Legal Defense Fund.

Litigation Update

The Council discussed pending litigation.

Contingency Planning Update

The Council discussed contingency planning.

Personnel Update

The Council discussed personnel matters.