

Minutes

Statewide AAUP Meeting, October 24, 2020

Zoom, 11:00a

Agenda:

- Welcome from President J. McQuail
- Approval of minutes and agenda
- Reports from VPs (No more than 10 min. Apiece)
 - Dora Estes, Treasurer, Nashville State Community College
 - 4 year College/universities VP Mate Wierdl, Univ. of Memphis
 - 2 year VP: Kathy Arcangeli, Roane State Community College
 - Private college and university VP: Susan Bond, Lane College
- Brief remarks on Covid-19 (McQuail)
- Shared governance crisis in TN higher ed (McQuail)
- AAUP lobbyist (McCQuail)
- TAAUP.org website (McQuail)
- Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, College President Search Policy, see <https://tcog.info/acog-subcommittee-to-meet-on-friday-to-review-college-president-search-confidentiality/>
- ATHENA Meeting in Spring (Associated Tennessee Higher Education Networking Advocates) at the TEA (TN Education Association) Joint meeting of AAUP TEA UCW
- Open floor to members: what is going on at their campuses
- BREAK
- Business meeting: officers (others are welcome to attend, but officers are required)
- plan for the rest of the year
- Budget

- TN AAUP Foundation: closed meeting

Meeting:

Dr. Josie McQuail called the meeting to order.

Dr. Dora Estes provided the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. There was a short discussion about the purpose of the AAUP savings account. Historically, the account has functioned as a rainy-day fund and to collect interest upon. There was a discussion that there is less money coming to the State Conference from the National AAUP Office.

Dr. Kathy Arcangeli provided an update on two-year colleges.

Dr. Weirdl Máté provided a report on four-year colleges.

A motion was made and seconded that the State AAUP conference should send a letter to the Chancellor of TBR requesting that she institute a faculty satisfaction survey at Roane State, administered by a third-party. There was a friendly amendment proposing that the letter be made public and posted to the media/social media. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the past meetings from November, 2019 and April, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion took place concerning general campus climate issues related to shared governance and academic freedom, covid-19 issues, and security of position/salary issues. Participants also discussed the efficacy of hiring a lobbyist to represent AAUP in the state legislature.

Dr. McQuail concluded the general meeting and called for a reconvening in twenty-five minutes.

At 1:25p, the business meeting convened. Officers present: Kathy Arcangeli, Weirdl Máté, Lucy Jewel, and David Lee. (The officers had already given their reports in the main membership meeting) Dr. McQuail discussed general issues, including the budget. The meeting was adjourned and concluded at 2:04p.

At the end of the meeting, there was a brief meeting of the TN AAUP Foundation Committee to discuss procedures for accessing funds in the future.