

AAUP
Spring 2022 Meeting
April 23, 2022

Present: Carole de Casal, Lucy Jewel, Yun Ding, Josephine McQuail, Troy Smith, Maté Wierdl, Julia Gruber, Linda White, Dora Estes, & David Lee.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes, Fall 2021 meeting of the TN Conference of the AAUP
- Maté Wierdl (UoM), VP public universities; Linda White (LeMoyne-Owen), VP private universities; VP 2 year community colleges? (Treasurer's report will be given at the business meeting following the regular meeting. The Executive Committee Officers must attend the Business meeting, others are welcome as auditors)
- Discussion of Bylaw changes: vote (2/3 vote majority required)
- Divisive Speech Bill effects – fighting back J. McQuail, Yun Ding (TTU); sign on to ACLU lawsuit (Troy Smith)
- Covid situation at TN college and universities – covid bonuses and the law
- Load reports and expectations of faculty – questions about unfair expectations of faculty Carole de Casal
- Biennial AAUP meeting June – Summer Institute – announcements
- Election Report (officers terms begin in June)
- T Shirts! \$10 donation to Charity with goals in line to AAUP like TN Foundation
- SUCH OTHER MATTERS
- Brief break
- 12 noon (or later depending on timing) **Business Meeting**
- Practicalities of officers over Summer
- Appointment of VP for 2 year Community colleges
- Treasurer's Report: Dora Estes
- Foundation Report: Josie McQuail
- Other Matters

General Meeting

There was a motion to amend the minutes from October, 2021 to correct certain spelling errors and include treasury report amounts. The minutes were approved as amended.

Maté Wierdl provided an update on the climate at the University of Memphis raising the issue of health insurance coverage for graduate students. Linda White provided a report related to private institutions, focusing on issues at her institution, LeMoyne Owen College. Josie McQuail discussed the process for changing the AAUP Constitution. Troy Smith led a discussion about the possibility of the Tennessee AAUP joining with the ACLU to formulate legal strategies to counteract the divisive concepts bill. There was a brief discussion of Covid-19 and cares act

money. There was then a discussion of faculty loads for supervising graduate Ph.D. students and strategies for dealing with this troubling issue at Tennessee State University. Josie McQuail demonstrated the very nice t-shirts available for purchase as a fundraiser for the AAUP.

Business Meeting

The election was confirmed, with Mâtè Wierdl coming on board as the President of the Tennessee Statewide AAUP and all other officers remaining in office. There was a discussion of Statewide AAUP officers serving over the summer and some of the gaps in officers. In discussing the officer transition, there was a consensus that Maté will take over as President in June and that an email group be set up with officers so that communication can be streamlined. There was discussion of allowance for Josie McQuail to register to attend the AAUP national convention and to pay the web-master for her services. There was discussion of the treasurer's report prepared by Dora Estes, which showed a balance of \$ \$48,854.06. There was discussion of the money in the TN AAUP foundation account, which has over \$15,000 in funds. The meeting adjourned at 1:26p CST.