

AAUP Statewide Tennessee Meeting
November 12, 2022
10a Central/11a Eastern
Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Agenda (times are in Eastern time)

- **11:00am (10:00am Central time)** Chat, wait for members to join
- **11:05** Introduction (Máté Wierdl, President)
- **11:10** Current issues for contingent faculty (Vice President)
 - **11:15** Questions
- **11:20** Current issues for community colleges (Any input?)
- **11:25** Current issues for 4 year public colleges (Troy Smith, Vice President)
 - **11:30** Questions
- **11:35** Current issues at MTSU (Alfred Lutz)
 - **11:40** Questions
- **11:45** Current issues at University of Memphis (Máté Wierdl)
 - **11:50** Questions
- **11:55** Current issues for private colleges (Linda White, Vice President)
 - **12:00** Questions
- **12:05** Break
- **12:15** Divisive speech (Troy Smith)
 - **12:30** Questions
- **12:35** Conference development grant (Josie McQuail)
- **12:40** Lobbyist position (Josie McQuail)

2. Business meeting agenda

- **13:00** Accounting (Dora Estes, Treasurer)
- **13:05** Book club expenses (Julia Gruber)
- **13:10** Bylaw revisions (Josie McQuail)
- **13:15** Appointment of VP for Contingent Faculty
- **13:20** Website (Máté Wierdl)
- **13:25** Report on Tennessee AAUP Foundation (Josie McQuail)

Minutes

General Business Meeting:

Present: Carole De Casal, Yun Ding, Mátè Wierdl, Troy Smith, Alfred Lutz, David Lee, Dora Estes, Tam Parker, Josie McQuail, Linda White, Andrew Smith, Husnain Fateh Ahmad, Anne Langendorfer.

At 11:05a,¹ President Mátè Wierdl began the general membership meeting and shared the agenda. Then discussion began about the first agenda item—issues related to contingent faculty. Then, there was a discussion of issues at Tennessee community colleges. Professor Dora Estes shared information about adjuncts at Nashville State Community College. Then the discussion moved toward a discussion, led by Professor Troy Smith, of issues for four-year colleges. Professor Andrew Smith discussed ongoing student free speech issues at Tennessee Tech, including a campus speech issue relating to a LGBTQ+ student group. Professor Alfred Lutz then discussed issues at MTSU, focusing on a controversy relating to MTSU’s faculty Facebook discussion group. Prof. Weirdl then began his presentation on issues at the University of Memphis. Other members discussed issues at their schools; Professor Tam Parker discussed issues at Sewanee and Professor Linda White discussed issues at private colleges, focusing on issues at LeMoyne Owen College.

There was a five-minute break.

Discussion resumed with Professor Troy Smith sharing a short presentation on Tennessee’s Divisive Concepts Bill. Professor Josie McQuail discussed the process of applying for and approving a conference grant. She also discussed the need to hire an AAUP lobbyist. There was a discussion of how AAUP might work with CWA to share resources for a lobbyist.

The general meeting concluded at 1:05 pm. There was a short break.

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The officers’ meeting then commenced.

Professor Dora Estes provided her Treasurer’s report.

There was a further discussion of possibly partnering with CWA to fund a lobbyist.

There was a short discussion, and the officers then approved the expense for the book club.

The Officers also formally approved VP for Contingent Faculty, Cyril Foucht, to serve for the remaining time that he is at Tennessee Tech.

¹ All times are set forth in the Eastern Time Zone.

There was a brief discussion/update about the AAUP Foundation account.

The meeting adjourned at 2.11pm, Eastern.