

**Tennessee Conference of the American Association of University Professors
Fall Business Meeting, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville
October 19, 2013**

1. Prof. Coley McGinnis, conference president, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. in the dean's conference room of Derryberry Hall. The business meeting followed a morning program and lunch. The morning program included Prof. Alfred Lutz's presentation on recent updates to TBR policy on academic freedom and shared governance in the wake of the Garcetti case, and a panel discussion on faculty handbooks led by Prof. Tom Banning (University of Memphis) with cases from TTU presented by Prof. Josie McQuail and from TSU presented by Prof. Phil Ganter. Members in attendance represented the following institutions: Tennessee Technological University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, and Volunteer State Community College.
2. The minutes from the April conference business meeting were distributed and approved by a vote of those present.
3. The following treasurer's report, submitted by Prof. Pippa Holloway (in absentia), was distributed, discussed, and approved by a vote of those present.

Treasurer's Report October 2013

<u>Expenditures since last meeting (April 2013)</u>	<u>\$3,762.10</u>
Communication/membership	\$1,110
Emma email service \$120	
Membership assistant \$990	
Spring meeting expenses	\$109.10
Lobbyist pay and fees	\$1,410.51
Travel to national meeting	\$1,132.49
<u>Revenues for 2013</u>	<u>\$3,533.28</u>
Dues	\$3,435
Interest on savings account	\$98.28
<u>Total assets: \$39,851.44</u>	

4. Officer reports:
 - A. Conference secretary Prof. Jim Williams reported that a recent membership list from the national office showed 317 members in Tennessee, a significant drop from previous years. Ten new members have joined so far in 2013, including five members in the part-time faculty category. Williams fielded questions about strategies to recruit new members and explained the efforts he is leading, with the help of a part-time membership assistant, to gather email addresses for community college and university

- faculty in Tennessee so that the conference can send newsy emails along with membership appeals through the Emma email service.
- B. Prof. Scott McMillan, vice president for community colleges, discussed his impression of community college faculty and their interest in helping adjunct faculty on their campuses. He also addressed the impact of the Complete College Tennessee Act at his campus (Volunteer State) and the increasing pressure to move students to graduation.
 - C. Prof. Josie McQuail, vice president for public universities, had no report.
5. Prof. Tom Banning (Memphis) offered a short history of the organization Tennessee Union of Faculty Senates since its founding in 2008, emphasizing the need for a common voice across four-year institutions in Tennessee. Prof. Jeff Roberts (TTU, TUFSS vice president) affirmed his belief in the value of sharing information across campuses. Some discussion followed of the desirability of establishing a similar organization for community colleges with the AAUP, perhaps, facilitating that effort.
 6. McGinnis, as director of government relations, offered a legislative update. He reported on his recent meeting with Mark Cate, Governor Haslam's staffer leading educational reform efforts. In particular, McGinnis summarized the "Drive for 55" program and the ramifications for higher education.
 7. Old business: McGinnis asked for feedback on the conference web site, particularly a call from web master Jim Thompson for updates and content. Those in attendance agreed that a web site was necessary but that the conference's was in need of updating.
 8. New business
 - A. The location of the spring meeting was discussed. Members from Volunteer State tentatively agreed to host.
 - B. The idea of regional programs between conference meetings was discussed.
 - C. The relationship between the location of conference meetings (East, West, Middle) and attendance was discussed.
 - D. McGinnis asked for the three vice presidents to serve as a nominating committee for spring officer elections, which are no longer bound by U.S. Department of Labor regulations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Williams
Conference Secretary