

Distance Education and Intellectual Property To Be Addressed at the Fall Meeting

The Tennessee Conference of the American Association of University Professors will hold its Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 7, in Suite 226-227 of the University Center on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville. An informal coffee hour is scheduled from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in Room 225.

The morning session, from 10:00 until noon, will feature a speech by Mark F. Smith on the topic of "Distance Education, Intellectual Property and the Role of the Faculty." Smith is Associate Director of Government Relations for the American Association of University Professors. He creates and coordinates legislative programs on such issues as intellectual property and labor law. He also develops Association policy on higher education matters including distance education and intellectual property. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he is currently pursuing a graduate degree in government at Johns Hopkins University. Smith has extensive political experience at both the state and national level, working on political campaigns and in state executive and state legislative offices. He has been with AAUP since 1994.

A luncheon from noon until 1:00 will be followed by the business session from 1:00 until 3:00.

We sincerely hope that you will attend. Non-members are also welcome, and you can assist the Conference by extending an invitation to them.

Please return the registration form on page 4 as soon as possible to Gil Fernández so that luncheon reservations can be made by the deadline for catering services. You may register at the meeting during the coffee hour although additional accommodations for the meal cannot be guaranteed.

(Information about directions, parking, and accommodations appears on p. 3.)

Academic Legal Service Plan To Be Considered at Fall Meeting

A proposal for a Tennessee State Conference AAUP Academic Legal Service Plan will be presented at the Fall Meeting for consideration by the membership. The proposal has been prepared by the ad hoc subcommittee whose members are Tony Blasi (chair), Steve Gadbois, Lewis Laska, John Paszel, and Otis Stephens.

Travel Grants Available for Fall Meeting

At its June 24 meeting the Executive Committee approved continuation of awarding small travel grants to members who are attending the State Conference meeting for the first time. The Conference will pay up to \$50 for a member attending his or her first State Conference meeting, with each local chapter limited to two recipients. The purpose is to defray some of the travel and accommodation costs so that more members will be able to attend the Fall Meeting. Please contact Secretary-Treasurer Gil Fernández at gfernandez@tntech.edu.

Fall Conference Reception Friday, October 6

AAUP members and their guests are cordially invited to attend a reception beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6 at the home of Norma Cook, 3907 Kingston Pike. If you will be attending, please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 29 to ncook@utk.edu.

Directions: The address is approximately 2.5 miles from the University Center on the UT campus. If you are coming from downtown or the campus, go west on Cumberland Avenue which changes names to Kingston Pike at the Concord Street/Neyland Drive intersection. From this point there will be only one other traffic light, one at Cherokee Boulevard. Continue until you see the Heska Amuna Synagogue on your right. The third house past this is 3907, and there is a 16-mile marker at the mailbox by the driveway. If you are coming east on Kingston Pike, go past the Western Plaza Shopping Center on your left. The next traffic signal is at Scenic Drive, and the address is not very far from this intersection. There is also a 16-mile marker on that side of the street. Traffic can be heavy on Kingston Pike, but there is usually a break produced by the pattern of the traffic signals which will give you an opportunity to turn left.

Parking: Parking is available in front of the house on the circle drive to the right off the center driveway and also behind the house to the right at the end of the center driveway. The center driveway is shared with the adjacent home and needs to remain open. Additional parking is available at the Heska Amuna Synagogue. Parking is in the back in marked spaces on four levels, but please do not park in the fire lane. There is no parking on the street on Kingston Pike.

The Ownership and Control of Faculty Works

[The resolution below was passed unanimously at the Annual Meeting of AAUP in Washington, D.C. in June. Members were encouraged to copy the statement and send it to members of Congress and State Representatives and to help in getting it widely published.]

Recent legislation, case law, and campus activities have raised important questions about the ownership and control of works created by faculty members, including course syllabi, lectures, and research findings. Federal legislation, its scope subsequently limited by implementing regulations, initially sought to apply the Freedom of Information Act to all data created by academic researchers in federally funded projects. Some states have interpreted their own freedom-of-information laws as encompassing classroom and research materials in public colleges and universities. Nationwide, private companies have hired students and others to take notes on professors' lectures, and then to give those notes to the companies for commercial distribution. On at least one campus a commercial firm operating distance-education courses "borrowed," without notice or permission, course materials posted on a web site by a professor.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Association of University Professors believes that colleges and universities flourish when teachers and scholars retain the right to decide when, how, and to whom their works are distributed. The Association's 1999 *Statement on Copyright* affirms that the prevailing academic practice is for faculty members to be the copyright owners of works that they create at their own initiative for academic purposes. Consistent with the statement, such works should not be redistributed by any other person, whether recorded as notes or by magnetic or digital devices, without the express permission of the author of the work. Because such works are not the property of the college or university, they are not properly subject to freedom-of-information laws that apply to public agencies. Actions taken in disregard of these precepts impair the rights of teachers and scholars to the detriment of their discovery of new knowledge and its appropriate dissemination to students, to the academic profession, and to the public.

2001–02 Meetings Scheduled

Please mark your calendars for the following meetings of the Tennessee Conference, AAUP:

Spring 2001: April 7, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville

Fall 2001: October 6, Motlow State Community College, Tullahoma

Spring 2002: April 6, Tennessee State University, Nashville

October Governance Conference in Washington, D.C. Scholarship Available

A governance conference on the theme of "Collaboration Toward the Common Good: Administration and Faculty Working Together" is being jointly sponsored by AAUP and the American Conference of Academic Deans on October 26–28 in Washington, D.C.

There will be workshops on a variety of topics, such as two on Cultivating Faculty Leadership—one focused on small schools and the other on large schools, two on The Effective Faculty Senate—again with one about large institutions and another about smaller institutions, Shared Governance in Community Colleges, Useful Evaluation of Faculty and Administrators, and Holding the Purse Strings: Effective Faculty Participation in Institutional Budgeting.

The conference promises to be a valuable experience for faculty and administrators, and we hope that many AAUP chapters from across Tennessee will be represented. Attendance of faculty/administrator teams, including Senate chairs and Deans, is encouraged, and chairs of Committee T should particularly try to attend. Chapters are also encouraged to seek campus funding for their participation.

The Assembly of State Conferences is providing two scholarships for each state conference to be awarded to AAUP activists to cover the \$275 meeting registration fee. The Executive Committee of the Tennessee Conference has approved Conference assistance with their travel and lodging costs, if needed. Will Schrader will represent the Conference as Chair of the state Committee T on College and University Government. The Executive Committee is seeking nominations from chapters for the second scholarship. Nominations should be sent to Norma Cook at ncook@utk.edu as soon as possible.

Descriptions of the workshops, the schedule, housing information, and the meeting registration form are posted on the web at <http://www.aaup.org/govconf.htm>. The registration deadline is September 28.

Visit the Conference Web Site

Visit the Conference's award-winning web site at <http://web.utk.edu/~glenn/AAUP.html>. It provides information about the Conference, including a directory of Conference officers and committees and chapter officers and web sites, the Conference Constitution, and a calendar. The Documents page is a valuable source of information for both the Tennessee Conference and the National AAUP. The Resources page provides other links to AAUP, the Tennessee General Assembly, colleges and universities, organizations, and publications.

Information for the web site can be sent to Bob Glenn at glenn@utk.edu or Norma Cook at ncook@utk.edu.

Officers and Committee Chairs

We encourage you to contact Conference officers and committee chairs about your concerns and your ideas for the state AAUP. Anyone interested in working with any of the committees and their projects is urged to let them know. Your participation is not only welcome but is also needed.

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Gift Memberships for Graduate Students

AAUP now has a graduate student membership with annual dues of \$10.00. On June 24 the Executive Committee approved \$250 for providing up to 25 gift memberships from the Tennessee Conference to graduate students who intend to go into the academic profession.

Chapters are requested to identify several such graduate students on their campuses and to forward their recommendations for recipients of these gift memberships to Secretary-Treasurer Gil Fernández (gfernandez@tntech.edu).

About the Chapter Service Program

The Tennessee Conference Chapter Service Program, with support from the Assembly of State Conferences, is designed to aid AAUP chapters in promoting a program on their campuses that will reflect the standards of professional development associated with the AAUP. The AAUP has developed the standards for academic practice long recognized by professors, governing bodies, and administrators in higher education. Each local chapter should have as one of its goals a commitment to see that these standards are adhered to on their campus. Please contact Conference officers or committee chairs for help and services in the following areas:

- Recruitment and retention of members
- Tenure and academic freedom
- Faculty governance
- Chapter leadership training
- Economic welfare of the professoriate
- Lobbying activities
- Conference WWW page
- Attorney referral list

Fall Conference Meeting: Directions and Accommodations

Directions: Maps and detailed directions to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, are available at <http://www.utk.edu/maps>. The University Center is located at the corner of Cumberland Avenue and Phillip Fulmer Way.

Parking: Arrangements have been made for parking without charge in the Parking Garage that adjoins the University Center. Such arrangements are subject to change, however, and should this occur, those who have registered will be sent new parking information by e-mail.

Hotels and Motels: Knoxville has a variety of hotels and motels, and listings arranged by location are available on the web at www.knoxville.org. The following information provides examples of special rates at some of the downtown hotels convenient to the campus. The Radisson Summit Hill at 401 W. Summit Hill Drive offers the UT rate of \$60 per room (telephone 865-522-2600). The Hilton-Knoxville at 501 W. Church Street offers a state rate with a state ID of \$60 for a single and \$80 for two people, but they are almost sold out for October 6 (telephone 865-523-2300).

**Registration for Fall Meeting:
Saturday, October 7 in Knoxville**

I will attend the fall meeting of the Tennessee Conference, AAUP, on Saturday, October 7, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, in rooms 226–227 of the University Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

- ☐ My registration *and* luncheon reservation fee of \$15.00 (payable to Tennessee Conference, AAUP) is enclosed.
- ☐ My registration fee of \$10.00 (payable to Tennessee Conference, AAUP) is enclosed. Does not include lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return your registration form for receipt **by Friday, September 29** to:

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