

California Conference of the American Association of University Professors

Business Meeting

April 8, 2006

3:30 to 4:30 pm

UC Berkeley, International House
2299 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720-2320

Annotated Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

IV. Reports

A. Financial (*2006 Budget as approved by the Executive Board on 18 February 2006*)

B. Membership

N.B. As stated in the Exec. Bd. meeting minutes: *"In the interest of efficient time management, registrants will be emailed meeting reports (budget, membership, etc.) in advance and copies of those reports will be provided to all attendees during the morning registration session. This should eliminate the need for oral reporting (except perhaps allocating some time for questions about the reports) to ensure that we can accomplish all of our business."*

V. New Business

A. Expansion of Chapter Service Program (action item)

The Executive Board has approved a significant expansion of the CA-AAUP Chapter Service Program in anticipation of higher revenues in 2007. The expanded program will necessitate a spending down of approximately half of the CA-AAUP's current treasury in 2006. Specific recommendations to augment our existing Conference program are outlined below:

1. Chapter supplies.

Chapters are eligible to receive one copy of the Redbook each year from the CA-AAUP, but few know to make the request. The Board will review a recommendation to "provision" each chapter in good standing at the start of each academic year. Specifically, an email would be sent to the chapter officers of record who would be asked for a brief status report (names and contact information for current officers, summary of current issues on campus, schedule of events, etc.). Upon receipt of each report, the CA-AAUP would send out the following materials to each chapter:

- a. 1 copy of the most recent edition of the Redbook*
- b. AAUP lapel pins*
- c. a chapter roster of current and lapsed members*

2. Posters.

The CA-AAUP could develop a new poster design to draw attention to the association's work and to list its chapters (along with the URLs for each chapter's web page). Each year, after it has heard back from its active chapters, the CA-AAUP could update the poster accordingly and provide an appropriate number of copies to each chapter that wishes to distribute them (whether to officers, department representatives, or to the membership at large.) At its February meeting the Executive Board agreed that the 2006 poster should be designed for general use with a 2007 poster to be designed in consultation with the CFA for specific use with our CFA affiliate.

3. AAUP Guidebook distribution.

The CA-AAUP's Executive Board approved the distribution of a complimentary copy of one of the AAUP resource guidebooks to chapters on an annual basis.

4. Park-and-Point domain registration.

Currently chapters are eligible to have chapter-specific web pages hosted on the CA-AAUP's website free of charge; however, this leads to cumbersome URL's. For an annual cost of approximately \$20/chapter site/year, the CA-AAUP could provide streamlined URL's. To take one example, the current homepage for our chapter at Notre Dame de Namur University <www.aaup-ca.org/ndnu_home.html> might be shortened to <www.ndnu-aaup.org>

5. Summer Institute travel assistance.

While our unionized chapters are able to raise sufficient dues revenue to fund travel to the AAUP's summer institute, this is not the case with our advocacy chapters and the CA-AAUP's Executive Board recommends making available a limited number of "scholarships" to our non-unionized chapters each year. Given our budget constraints, some system (to be discussed on April 8th) would need to be devised to establish a fair competition for these events. They might, for example, be awarded based on membership growth in the previous year.

6. CFA chapter status.

The California Faculty Association is considered a single chapter of the CA-AAUP; however, this significantly limits the utility of our chapter service program to the CFA and the Executive Board recommends that the Association considers each of the CFA's campus-based locals, as well as the CFA's statewide leadership, as distinct chapters.

B. SB 847 (Ducheny): CA-AAUP Position on 60% law (action item)

A number of faculty organizations within the state are debating a proposed change to the so-called 60% Law. The statute in question (Education Code Sec. 87482.5) states that "any person who is employed to teach adult or community college classes for not more than sixty percent of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment for regular employees having comparable duties shall be classified as a temporary employee, and shall not become a contract employee." The proposal under consideration would increase this bar to 80% and is supported by the California Part-Time Faculty Association <www.cpfa.org/60index.html>. The question before the body is: "What, if any, position ought the CA-AAUP to take on the proposed legislative change."

C. UCLA situation: CA-AAUP Academic Freedom Statement (action item).

The ongoing efforts to suppress critical discourse in the academy took a faltering step some weeks back, when a website <www.UCLAProfs.com> offered students money to report on their professors. The dubious legality of this offer, combined with negative publicity, led the site's author to retract the offer, but the site retained its "Dirty Thirty" blacklist of supposedly radical professors <www.uclaprofs.com/articles/dirtythirty.html>. Aside from moving to develop an AAUP chapter at UCLA, the CA-AAUP is taking this opportunity to draft a broad statement detailing what this misstep tells us about the larger movement that created it.

D. Creation of a Legal Defense Fund

A number of state conferences have a member-supported legal defense fund. The creation of such a fund could be undertaken by the CA-AAUP at the discretion of the membership.

E. Approval of the Budget

VI. Adjournment