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AAUP Communication Committee plans activities

About 20 faculty members are working with the AAUP Communication Committee on plans for making Cincinnati State faculty concerns known to others.

Dave Simmermon, the Communication Committee chair, said that at this week's meeting the Committee members discussed several possible ways of helping students and members of the public to become aware of the issues of concern to faculty in the current negotiations.

AAUP Chapter President Pam Ecker said that planning for the possibility of a strike is also underway.

"Of course, we hope that a new contract can be achieved without the difficulty and disruption that a strike would entail," Pam said.

"However, faculty members are working on contingency plans that could be implemented if the administration is unwilling to reach an acceptable settlement at the bargaining table," Pam added.

Any chapter member who wishes to assist the Communication Committee can call Dave at 569-1797.

Bargaining session scheduled; fact-finding preparations continue

The Faculty and Administration Bargaining Teams have scheduled a meeting for Friday, August 5.

The purpose of the session is to determine whether it is possible to reduce the number of issues that will be presented to a fact-finder later this month.

Mediator Earl Leonhardt is scheduled to attend the bargaining session on Friday.

Faculty Chief Negotiator John Battistone said, "It's clear that some of the impasse issues are unlikely to be resolved without a fact-finding hearing."

"However, the Faculty Team is certainly open to meeting

again with the administration's team to see if we can achieve any other tentative agreements that will narrow the list of issues to be presented to a fact-finder."

John said that as of Wednesday morning, the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) had not yet provided a list of fact-finders.

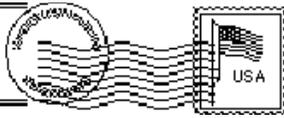
"We're continuing to seek clarification from the SERB on the timeline for the rest of this legal process," John said. "Meanwhile, the members of the Faculty Team and our chapter attorney will continue to prepare our case for the fact-finder."

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Letters



To the editor:

I was happy to attend the retirement reception a few weeks ago for Connie Campbell, one of my fellow “coasters.”

I knew that Connie was in her last year before retirement, but those who didn’t know she was planning to retire, and only observed her efforts, probably would not have suspected she was completing her work as a Cincinnati State faculty member.

Connie’s last year before retirement was typical of what we see at this College.

In most instances, we “coasters” are all surprised when a faculty member announces his or her retirement. Like Connie, most about-to-retire faculty members never slow down, even on their last day here.

All of us coasters (28 years for me) could list our accomplishments, if anyone were interested.

I had thought Cincinnati State administrators were aware of these faculty activities, but based on what’s being said at the bargaining table, I guess a lot of administrators are not.

Want to hear about mine? I . . . oops, sorry—two student papers just arrived in my email. Let me read them and make suggestions for changes and return them.

Ok. I’m back. But wait—I have to attend a meeting about the College’s AQIP Vital Few project on General Education, and present my analysis of the last CAAP writing test taken by our students, so we can start to measure whether our graduates really demonstrate the writing skills we want them to master.

But before that, let me finish the OAN course mapping for a few dozen of our English and Speech classes, so that we can guarantee transferability of all of these

credits to other colleges and universities under the latest set of guidelines from the Board of Regents.

What’s that? Yes, I chaired a hiring committee this summer for a new English instructor and yes, I’m also a member of an assistant dean hiring committee. Don’t things slow down in the summer? Excuse me while I edit the sets of interview questions for both of these committees.

Are you still waiting for my list of accomplishments? I’d get right on it. . . but sorry—like most Cincinnati State “coasters,” I’m too busy doing things that will help our students.

Catherine Rahmes, Humanities



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