Faculty members to discuss contract concerns at “4x4 Forums” in March

Beginning Monday, March 7, faculty members in Cincinnati State AAUP Bargaining Unit 1 will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas and concerns for the next Collective Bargaining Agreement at the “4x4 Forums.” The Forums will continue throughout March.

Bargaining Council Chair Ron Craig said that each week of the Forums will focus on a different topic, with four opportunities provided each week to join a discussion group. The weekly topics are:

- Workload - March 7, 8, 10
- Compensation and Benefits - March 14, 15, 17
- Governance - March 21, 22, 24
- Professional Development - March 28, 29, 31

The Forum sessions will occur at the same times and locations during each of the four weeks. Ron said that faculty members can choose to attend the sessions that best fit their schedules:

- Mondays, 11 to 11:50 a.m., ATLC 435
- Mondays, 3 to 3:50 p.m., ATLC 404
- Tuesdays, 2 to 2:50 p.m., ATLC 435
- Thursdays, 2 to 2:50 p.m., ATLC 435

Ron said that each Forum session will be led by two AAUP Chapter members who have volunteered to serve as discussion facilitator and recorder. In addition to Ron, these Forum leaders are:

- Crystal Dunlevy
- Carla Gesell-Streeter
- Janice Lockett
- Daphne Robinson
- Linda Romero-Smith
- John Wagner
- Nancy Walters

Members of the AAUP Executive Committee and Bargaining Council Committee leaders will also attend the Forums.

Ron said, “We hope that all faculty bargaining unit members will bring their concerns, questions, and ideas to the Forums. As we begin to get ready for negotiating our next contract, it’s important for all faculty members to be part of the process.”

“Although our contract does not expire until September, all unit members should try to attend the Forums and contribute their views about what’s needed to achieve the best possible new contract for all of us,” Ron said.

Ron said that faculty members who are unable to attend a Forum in person should share their concerns with him or with any member of the Cincinnati State AAUP Executive Committee.
AAUP Scholarship applications available soon

Application materials for the scholarship sponsored by Cincinnati State AAUP will be distributed to all faculty bargaining unit members within the next few days.

Chapter President Pam Ecker said, “We would like faculty members to encourage students who meet the criteria to apply for this award.”

The AAUP Scholarship will provide the student selected with $2,000 to be used for tuition, books, and fees. The scholarship will be administered using Cincinnati State Foundation guidelines.

Full-time and part-time students may apply if they meet these criteria:

- Full-admit status in a Cincinnati State degree program.
- Completed at least 24 credit hours at Cincinnati State.
- Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

Applicants must submit a transcript, three reference letters (two from Cincinnati State instructors), and a brief essay.

In awarding the scholarship, preference will be given to qualified applicants who are labor union members or dependents of union members.

Any faculty member or student with questions about the AAUP Scholarship should get in touch with Ron Craig, who is heading the AAUP Scholarship Committee.

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