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AAUP appoints Bargaining Council Co-Chairs and starts new service projects

The Cincinnati State AAUP Executive Committee has appointed Bob Eveslage (Health & Public Safety) and Dave Simmermon (Center for Innovative Technologies) to serve as Co-Chairs of the Bargaining Council for upcoming contract negotiations.

Bob and Dave were introduced at the Chapter meeting on Dec. 11. They encouraged faculty members to sign up for Bargaining Workgroups including Compensation, Benefits, Governance/Selection and Hiring, and Workload.

Faculty also are needed for the Communication Committee, to help maintain an effective and timely flow of information during negotiations.

Any faculty member in AAUP Unit 1 who wants to join a Workgroup should get in touch with Bob or Dave. Workgroup members can expect to begin meetings in January.

Chapter officers Joyce Rimlinger and John Battistone presented an overview of the processes and some of the legal issues associated with collective bargaining. They said that the

AAUP Executive Committee will be discussing soon who will be appointed to serve on the Faculty Negotiating Team.

Chapter President Paul Davis said that as preparations for bargaining continue, all faculty members will have many opportunities to share their concerns and contribute to the planning for bargaining.

Paul encouraged all faculty members to get involved in helping the Chapter and the College accomplish the important work that is ahead.

AAUP Office Hours Late Fall Term

MWF - 9 to 10 a.m.

T - 10 a.m. to noon
and 3 to 5 p.m.

R - 10 a.m. to noon

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AAUP Community Service projects begin with support for Free Store Food Bank

Paul Davis announced that the AAUP Chapter has established a new Community Service Committee. The first project is collecting non-perishable food donations for the Free Store Food Bank.

Barrels to collect donations have been placed in each academic division's main office, and all College employees are encouraged to add their contributions to the barrels. The AAUP will deliver all of the donations to the Food Bank on Friday, Dec. 21.

In January, AAUP will begin collecting donations for Dress for Success, a non-profit organization that provides professional clothing and other support for women seeking employment.

The members of the Community Service Committee are Linda Romero-Smith, Tom Burns, Jeri Hancox, Cindy Kneip, Sherri Mallett, Alice Palmer, and Linda Schaffeld. Others who wish to join should get in touch with Linda Romero-Smith (Humanities & Sciences).

Cincinnati State faculty members work with Chancellor to plan Ohio higher education changes

Cincinnati State faculty members who lead Ohio faculty organizations will be very involved in the planning for changes to higher education in Ohio.

John Buttelerwerth, a faculty member in the Center for Innovative Technologies, serves as President of the Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and Technical Colleges (OFSTC). This group, which represents two-year college faculty throughout the State, recently shared its views about possible changes to Ohio's higher education system with the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, Eric Fingerhut.

The OFSTC recommendations and concerns were provided in a document titled

"Bold Measures for Higher Education in Ohio." A copy will be available soon on the Chapter website, www.cinstataaup.org.

At the AAUP Chapter meeting on Dec. 11, John shared information about conversations he has had with Chancellor Fingerhut and Ohio Board of Regents staff members regarding changes that might result from implementation of Governor Strickland's "University System of Ohio."

John said that details of the Chancellor's Master Plan for implementing the University System are still being determined, but John expects to be actively involved in the conversation, since he is a member of the Chancellor's Strategic Planning group.

Preliminary information is available at <http://universitysystem.ohio.gov>.

AAUP Chapter President Paul Davis also will be meeting with the Chancellor to discuss the Master Plan for the University System. Paul serves as Board President for the Ohio Conference of AAUP, which represents faculty at four-year and two-year institutions throughout the state, including public as well as private colleges and universities.

The Master Plan is to be delivered to the Governor by March 31, 2008. Paul and John both said they would ensure that their Cincinnati State colleagues stay well informed about proposed State-level changes as plans are developed.

Cincinnati State AAUP wishes to all of our colleagues a Refreshing Holiday Break and a Productive New Year!

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