

# NEWS

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## AAUP appoints Negotiating Team; Bargaining Council Committees continue preparations

The Cincinnati State AAUP Executive Committee has appointed the Faculty Negotiating Team for 2008.

Geoff Woolf will serve as Chief Negotiator. The other Faculty team members are John Battistone, Jason Caudill, Joyce Rimlinger, and Dave Simmermon.

AAUP Chapter President Paul Davis said, "The Faculty team members for 2008 have a lot of bargaining experience, and they represent a range of perspectives, too. These faculty members have attended training sessions provided by National AAUP, and they all have

contributed to the Chapter in many different roles."

Bob Eveslage, co-chair of the AAUP Bargaining Council, said the Bargaining Council Committee members have been working hard throughout the Winter term.

"We got a very good response when we called for volunteers to help us get ready for bargaining," Bob said. "Including the Forum sessions in February, the committees, and some special sub-committees and task forces, we probably have had about 70 faculty members involved so far."

Bob said committee members have been discussing problems experienced by faculty and developing potential solutions that can be addressed through collective bargaining.

All recommendations and concerns from the Bargaining Council Committees will be forwarded to the AAUP Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will discuss all of the recommendations before giving the Faculty Bargaining Team its parameters for negotiations.

"Before our team goes to the table, we will send a survey to all members of the faculty bargaining unit," Paul said. "We want to be sure all faculty members in Unit 1 have an opportunity to express their views on a variety of possible bargaining issues."

Paul said the AAUP expects to distribute the survey early in Spring Term.

Since the survey will be released through e-mail, all bargaining unit members need to provide their contact information to the AAUP Communications Committee.

## AAUP Communications Committee needs your contact information!

The members of the AAUP Communications Committee are making sure the Chapter has up-to-date contact information for all Bargaining Unit 1 faculty, to ensure that everyone stays informed about the progress of negotiations.

"If you haven't yet filled out the information form, you've been getting reminder messages," said Communications Committee

member Peggy Rolfsen. "We would really like to be sure we have everyone's information before lots of faculty start their term off."

The information form can be filled out online at [www.cinstataaup.org/directoryform.html](http://www.cinstataaup.org/directoryform.html), or completed on paper and sent via campus mail to the AAUP Office (Main 124). If you need a copy of the form, notify Peggy or any Chapter officer.

# “Have a Heart” event raises days for College Sick Leave Bank and quarters for Project Connect

The College Sick Leave Bank gained 144 days, donated by 28 faculty members, during the Cincinnati State AAUP annual “Have a Heart” event on Valentine’s Day.

The Sick Leave Bank was established through negotiations between AAUP and the administration in 2002, but any full-time College employee who is experiencing an emergency and needs additional leave can apply for days from the Bank.

“We really appreciate the generosity of those who put days into the Bank,” said Chapter President Paul Davis. “When it’s time for the annual ‘cash-out’ of unused leave days in spring, we hope others may consider donating a few days to the Bank, too.”

More information about the Sick Leave Bank, as well as the donation form, are available on the Chapter website, [www.cinstataaup.org](http://www.cinstataaup.org), in the “Service” section.

At “Have a Heart” day faculty also donated \$115 in quarters to “Change4Change.” The quarters were delivered to Project Connect, an organization that assists 2,000 homeless children in their efforts to stay in school.

Project Connect provides Metro tokens for the children, but the quarters are needed when a child must transfer between busses.

Linda Romero-Smith, chair of the AAUP Service Committee, said additional projects will be announced during Spring term.

The Service Committee has sent a recommendation to the AAUP Executive Committee to establish an annual calendar of Chapter activities that will serve the Greater Cincinnati community.

In addition to established Chapter projects such as the Sick Leave Bank and the AAUP Scholarship, the Service Committee calendar will highlight opportunities for Cincinnati State faculty to help several local organizations.

## AAUP dues may qualify for tax deduction

Faculty members who itemize deductions on their income tax return may be able to include AAUP dues as a professional expense.

The AAUP Executive Committee advises faculty members to consult with a tax professional about this possible deduction.

## AAUP National Election ballots must be returned by April 15.

## Don’t forget to cast your vote!

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