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“Have A Heart” lunch on Feb. 19 spotlights College sick leave bank & other service projects

On Thursday, Feb. 19, all AAUP bargaining unit faculty members are invited to enjoy lunch together and show support for AAUP service projects at the Chapter’s annual “Have A Heart, Do Your Part” event.

This year’s Have A Heart lunch is in the ATLC Summit Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Faculty members are welcome to come to the Summit whenever their schedule allows. A lunch of soup, sandwiches, salad, and dessert will be available.

AAUP service projects featured on “Have a Heart” day include:

College Sick Leave Bank: The Sick Leave Bank was established in 2002 as a result of AAUP contract negotiations.

A faculty member can contribute from 1 to 10 days of their unused sick leave to the Bank, as long as he or she will have at least 35 days remaining in their accumulated leave.

Any full-time College employee who is experiencing an emergency and is in need of additional leave can apply to

receive days from the Bank.

Chapter President Paul Davis said, “Many College employees have been helped when they were having a hard time because of faculty donations to the Sick Leave Bank. We hope many will choose to make donations this year.”

Paul said additional information about the Sick Leave Bank is available in an FAQ brochure that will be distributed this week, and will be available on the Chapter website.

AAUP Service Committee: At the Have a Heart event, the Service Committee will collect quarters for the organization Faces Without Places/Project Connect.

The “Change4Change” fund drive helps provide supplies, transportation, and other support for homeless children

who attend Cincinnati Public Schools.

Another current project of the Service Committee is the Coat Drive. The Service Committee is accepting like-new or gently-used coats that will be donated to local agencies that provide help for people in need.

AAUP Scholarship: Another ongoing Chapter project is the AAUP Kenneth V. Stoll Scholarship that is awarded annually to a Cincinnati State student. The Scholarship Committee Chair, Ron Craig said that Scholarship information will be available soon.

Paul said that anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the AAUP Scholarship fund may do so through the Cincinnati State Foundation.

Ron said that Chapter members who wish to serve on the Scholarship Committee should get in touch with him.

New contract posted on Chapter website

The Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2008-2011, for AAUP Bargaining Unit 1 is now available for downloading from the Chapter website, cinstataaup.org.

The booklet version of the contract will be distributed to Chapter members when printing is completed.

CState & UC AAUP host meeting with state legislators

Faculty leaders from Cincinnati State and the University of Cincinnati's AAUP Chapters met last week with members of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives to discuss higher education funding and other topics.

The Legislative Breakfast took place Feb. 13 at the Summit Restaurant. The meeting was one of a series of events sponsored by the Ohio Conference of AAUP to link faculty members with State legislators.

Eight legislators attended the meeting: State Senators Gary

Cates, Eric Kearney, and Bill Seitz, and State Representatives Lou Blessing, Denise Driehaus, Connie Pillich, Peter Stautberg, and Joe Uecker.

Cincinnati State was represented by AAUP Chapter President Paul Davis, Faculty Senate President Carla Gesell-Streeter, and other members of the Senate and the AAUP Executive Committee.

Discussion topics included how legislative initiatives are implemented on campuses, the role and challenges of cooperative education, keeping college affordable,

keeping students in Ohio after graduation, administrative salaries, the role of trustees, and ease of transfer between community colleges and universities.

"The conversation was informal, but I think everyone agreed that the exchange of ideas was useful," Paul said.

"We hope we can plan other events to keep lines of communication open between the legislators who provide much of our funding and those of us who deliver the 'front line' services," Paul added.

Fair share fee info available online

Cincinnati State AAUP Chapter, as the legal bargaining agent for the faculty, is required to provide information each year concerning the method for calculating the Fair Share Fee.

The Fair Share Fee, which is described in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, is paid by full-time faculty members who are part of the collective bargaining unit represented by AAUP, but who are not dues-

paying members of the AAUP Chapter.

Anyone seeking additional details can obtain the "Fair Share Fee Agreement" from the Chapter website. Currently, a link to this document is on the Home page.

Questions about the Fair Share Fee can be sent to Paul Davis or Membership Chair Janice Lockett.

Attending the Have A Heart lunch on Feb. 19?

Please send your RSVP to paul.davis@cincinnati-state.edu by 8 a.m. on Feb. 18.

See you at the Summit! 11:00-12:30, Feb. 19.

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