AAUP appoints Bargaining Council Chairs and Bargaining Team; committee research underway

In preparation for contract negotiations, the AAUP Chapter Executive Committee had appointed the Bargaining Council Chairs and the Negotiating Team for 2011.

At the Chapter meeting on October 4, Chapter President Paul Davis said that completing negotiations well before the deadline would be beneficial to the entire College community.

The contract for AAUP Unit 1 expires in September 2011 and the contract for Unit 2 expires in December 2011.

“We have plenty to do getting ready for the change to semesters and serving our record numbers of students,” Paul said. “Resolving our contract negotiations efficiently and effectively will help everyone.”

Debbie said that in the open-ended survey conducted by AAUP in Early Fall, workload was the dominant concern of faculty who responded.

About 15 chapter members volunteered for the Workload committee, and the group is currently gathering data about various elements of faculty load at community colleges on the semester calendar.

Debbie said, “The Workload Committee will take a comprehensive look at workload standards of other institutions before making recommendations to the AAUP Executive Committee.”

Debbie said the research on workload also will include examining specific faculty roles such as program chair, advisor, and co-op coordinator.

A Communication Committee has been formed also, and other specialized committees may be established in the future.

Any faculty member who wants to join a committee should get in touch with one of the Bargaining Council Chairs.

The process of preparing for bargaining also will include an online member survey on issues of concern (similar to the survey used in 2008), and forums with faculty in their divisions.

Bargaining Team announced

At the Chapter meeting, Geoff Woolf was announced as the Faculty Chief Negotiator.

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Geoff is the Chapter Contract Compliance Officer, and he served as Chief Negotiator for the most recent Unit 1 and Unit 2 contract bargaining.

Other members of the Faculty team are Pam Ecker, Bob Eveslage, Joyce Rimlinger, and Linda Schaffeld.

Both Bob and Joyce have served on several past bargaining teams. Linda served recently as an AAUP representative on the Faculty/Administration Communication Team (FACT) that determined methods for allocating work release units to faculty working on semester curriculum changes. Pam is the Chapter Past President and served on the most recent Unit 2 bargaining team.

Additional team members are David Simmermon and Alan Neace, who will be on stand-by for discussion of certain topics. Dave is a past bargaining team member and Alan completed the negotiations training program at the National AAUP Summer Institute.

Geoff said the Unit 1 contract, which was originally negotiated in 1990, is a mature contract that should not need big changes in the fundamental provisions.

“However, in light of the change to semesters, every part of the contract must be examined carefully,” Geoff said.

No formal date has been set for the start of negotiations.

“Before our team goes to the table, we will make sure we are well prepared to fully represent the concerns and interests of our faculty,” Paul said.

Chapter officers elected

In the elections completed in October, these officers were elected:

Vice President:
  Joyce Rimlinger
Secretary:
  Peggy Rolfsen
Member-at-Large:
  David Simmermon

Each will serve a two-year term that ends Oct. 31, 2012.

Chapter President Paul Davis said the level of participation was gratifying.

“We had a large number of nominees for these offices, and at least two people who were willing to run for each position,” Paul said.

“We appreciate all of those who are willing to dedicate time to Chapter service,” Paul added.

Because Membership Chair Dave Killen is on sick leave, Diane Stump has been appointed to serve as the Interim Membership Chair until Dave returns.

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