

# NEWS

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## AAUP offers SB-5 petitioner training on campus

Cincinnati State AAUP is providing two training sessions for faculty members who want to be qualified to circulate the official petitions that seek a voter referendum to repeal Senate Bill 5.

The training sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 27, and Thursday, Apr. 28. Both sessions will take place from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Main Building room 355.

If you want to attend one of the training sessions, notify AAUP Chapter President Paul Davis.

Attending a training session is a requirement for anyone who wants to assist in circulating

petitions. To put repeal of SB-5 onto the ballot in November, 231,149 valid signatures must be collected before the end of June.

You do not have to be an Ohio resident to circulate petitions; however, only registered Ohio voters may sign the petitions.

Also, each petition book is for a specific county, and voters must sign a petition that coincides with the county where they are registered.

Paul said he and Marcha Hunley will co-chair the Cincinnati State SB-5 Action Committee.

"There are many ways to get involved in supporting the state-

wide efforts to put SB-5 on the ballot," Paul said.

"At the state level, AAUP is part of the leadership of the We Are Ohio coalition," Paul said.

"All of the organizations that are represented in We Are Ohio will be working hard to collect signatures," Paul added.

"After the signatures are certified, We Are Ohio will conduct a state-wide campaign to explain why Ohio voters need to overturn the legislative action that removed full collective bargaining rights for members of unions on our campus and throughout the state," Paul said.

### **Cincinnati State AAUP Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 26 - 3:00 p.m. - ATLC Point Room**

**Guest Speaker:  
State AAUP Executive Director Sara Kaminski**

**Join your faculty colleagues for an update on state and local issues  
Stay for pizza, and then attend the Board of Trustees meeting (starts at 4:30)**

**Wear your AAUP black shirt!**

## Joint Benefits Committee will examine proposals

The Cincinnati State Joint Benefits Committee (JBC) held its second meeting on Apr. 6.

The long-term goal of the JBC is to provide high-quality health care benefits for College employees, while controlling costs through efficient plan design and user education.

The JBC has 15 members, representing the College's employee unions and the administration. The AAUP members are George Armstrong, Jeri Hancox, Alan Neace, Tracey Stivers, and Geoff Woolf.

The College's insurance broker, Ted Zalla of USI Insurance, is a consultant to the JBC.

Geoff said the JBC members were informed that the College is seeking proposals from qualified vendors of health insurance services, including Anthem as well as other possible providers.

Members of the JBC will receive a copy of the proposal.

All proposals must be received prior to the next scheduled

meeting of the JBC, on May 25.

The JBC members will review the proposals and will make recommendations leading to collaboration on the choice of a health insurance provider for the College.

Any changes made to health insurance services would become effective Aug. 1, 2011.

Geoff said the JBC also discussed possible opportunities for cost savings through the use of health reimbursement accounts or health savings accounts.

The JBC also discussed a possible change in management of the prescription drug services provided to employees.

Geoff said these ideas were shared to help JBC members understand possible topics for negotiation with health insurance providers. No decisions were made regarding these ideas.

## AAUP Scholarship awarded

The AAUP's Kenneth V. Stoll Scholarship for 2011 has been awarded to Ginger F. Popplewell, who is seeking a degree in Health Information Management.

The AAUP Scholarship provides \$2,000 for a continuing student who has demonstrated

excellence while pursuing a degree at the College. Scholarship applicants must submit transcripts, an essay, and three letters of recommendation.

A reception to honor the Scholarship recipient will take place later in Spring.

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