**UW Chapter AAUP Executive Board meeting MINUTES**

**Wednesday January 20, 2016, 3 pm to 5 pm**

**UW Club**

**Attendance:**

***Members present:***

Rob Wood, Atmospheric Sciences, President

Dan Jacoby, UW Bothell Interdisciplinary, Vice-president (at 4 pm)

Amy Hagopian, Public Health, Secretary

Bert Stover, Environmental Health & Family Medicine, Treasurer

Max Lieblich, Mathematics

Jay Johnson, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, emeritus

Diane Morrison, School of Social Work

Michael Honey, UW Tacoma

Ann Mescher, Mechanical Engineering

Duane Storti, Mechanical Engineering

***Absent:***

Christoph Giebel, Jackson School of International Studies, and History

Libi Sundermann, UW Tacoma

Abraham Flaxman, Global Health

Jack Lee, Mathematics

Bruce Kochis, UW Bothell

Jane Koenig, School of Public Health emerita

Kari Lerum, UW Bothell

Dan Luchtel, School of Public Health

***Guests:***

*Steve Hauschka, faculty in biochemistry*

*Terri DeYoung, faculty in Near East Dept.*

*Paul Dillon, SEIU*

*Steve Schwartz, pathobiology*

*Later, after arriving from Olympia: Michael Laslett, Gina Neff*

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions**

2. **Announcements:**

Regents Watch assignments and reports

* Feb 11—Allen Library, Rob Wood
* March 10—UW Bothell, who will attend?

3. **Legislative session** 2016: what is the UW agenda, and how will faculty be involved?

2016 State agenda—finally released 1/12/16\*: <http://www.washington.edu/staterelations/>

5. AAUP **annual meeting**: Date and Program (David Hughes?)

6. AAUP **nominations** for spring election: Need a nominating committee

**9. Remote meeting (Bothell Feb. 24 is proposed)**

**10**. **Faculty union** organizing committee report

**Harry Bridges Forum report**

* Forum organizing committee: Diane, Rob, Dan, Pam Joseph, Michael Honey.
* Feb 23 & 24: Gary Rhoades in Seattle and Bothell

8. **RESOLUTIONS** (see below)

a. “Wall of Public Good” **Innovation showcase update**, Jay Johnson

b. Tent City (approved earlier via email)

c. UW Faculty representation on Board of Regents

d. KPLU?

**10. Reports:**

Treasurer

Faculty Senate: Provost issue, ABB survey, Research Misconduct policy

Reclaim UW

Regents Watch

1. **Regents Watch** assignments and reports

Rob will attend the Regents meeting on Feb. 11, and he will ask a Bothell member to attend the meeting on March 10 that will be held on that campus (Bruce Kochis?)

Announcement: Chris Newfield, Simpson Center Monday Jan 25, 4:30 to 6 pm: “The Great Mistake: How Private-Sector Models Damage Public Universities and How they can Recover.”

2. **Legislative session 2016**: what is the UW agenda, and how will faculty be involved?

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We reviewed the UW’s legislative agenda priorities. It’s a very precise, targeted and modest agenda. Faculty present again noted there seem to be no formal channels for consulting about UW priorities. We reminded ourselves of the meeting Ann Mescher convened August 10, which was an effort for faculty ourselves to reach out to legislators. We talked about Faculty representation on the Board of Regents at that gathering, and legislators responded positively.

Meantime, the Faculty Forward union group and AAUP board members advanced a request for the bill. Gerry Pollet introduced the bill, HB 2546, “Adding a faculty representative to the membership of the Board of Regents at the UW.”

The AAUP board endorsed the bill via email earlier this week (see text below).

JoAnn Taricani (faculty senate lobbyist) and Norm Beauchamp (faculty senate chair) were ambivalent in their support for the bill. We discussed how communications went off track and how we regret that.

Ann Mescher called in to say that Gina Neff and Ann Mescher testified in favor. Unfortunately, JoAnn Taricani, Norm Beauchamp and Genessee Adkins all testified that while the principle was good, the timing was wrong and this is not the right bill at the right time.

5. AAUP **annual meeting**: We have settled on inviting David Hughes, president of the union at Rutgers, for Monday, May 9.

We also decided to invite Karen Stubaus, Rutgers VP for Academic Affairs & Administration, to join David in the presentation. She would talk about how administration and union work together to advance the overall interests of the university. We’d invite her separately, and perhaps she would meet privately with Ana Mari Cauce and Gerry Baldasty.

Similarly President Shepherd could be invited to address the same issue. It seems to be the main argument being used against us in our union drive is that relations with administration would be compromised. Can we be sure the results would be positive?

Alternatively, or additionally, we could invite a Rutgers faculty senate person (president, Ann Gould) to come talk about the interaction between the union and the faculty senate.

***Conclusion***: Amy will talk with Stubaus and Gould about whether they would accompany David Hughes on his trip to Seattle on May 9. Alternatively, ask them to write something along the lines of what Hughes did describing the relationship among the entities at Rutgers.

Ben Ginsburg, author of [**The Fall of the Faculty**](http://www.amazon.com/The-Fall-Faculty-Benjamin-Ginsberg-ebook/dp/B005CU4TPK/ref=dp_kinw_strp_1) might also be of interest as a speaker in the future.

6. **AAUP** **nominations** for spring election

Rob will organize a nominating committee soon. We discussed who (not on the board) would be willing or able to help us with this task; it has been Jim Gregory in the past.

Christoph noted that we need to vigorously reach out to younger and more diverse faculty, in an attempt to attract them to AAUP. He personally is ready to take a break.

Names we discussed to attract to the board: Rachel Chapman, Moon-Ho Jung, Purnima Dhavan, Charlie Collins. Lots of interesting people working with the Faculty Forward organizing committee could be good board members for AAUP.

The Faculty Fellows event might be a good opportunity to attract new members, a way to attract young faculty. To date, we haven’t been able to get their email addresses, though.

Michael Honey noted that other chapters use a recruiting letter; it gets a little muddy with SEIU recruitment at the same time by the same people. We could choose departments, phase it in, use campus mail.

9. **Remote meeting** (Bothell Feb. 24 is proposed)

Gary Rhoades will be at UW Seattle on Feb 23. Our board meeting is the next day, and we could move that meeting to Bothell in hopes of bringing Rhoades to that campus as well. We agreed to do that. We need Michael McCann to clarify the details of the Rhoades presentations.

10. **Faculty union** organizing committee report

The Faculty Senate forum on Jan. 13 went well, from the point of view of the pro-union crowd. UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly is holding an event on Friday Jan. 29, lots of departments are hosting meetings to discuss unionizing.

***News item***: Minnesota reached 30% card collection and filed for an election today.

11. **Harry Bridges Forum report**

Forum scheduled Feb 23 & 24: Gary Rhoades in Seattle and Bothell. Will there be another forum in March or April?

Dan spoke with someone in the PERC office who offered to come talk about the process, but it would be strictly neutral. That could be a forum. Some debates to take place include whether chairs would be considered faculty members of the union.

Christoph suggested a forum about SEIU itself as a topic of a forum. We could discuss the connection between a unionized faculty and the larger SEIU union movement. Topics include political contributions, who is the union, how does the democracy work, what are the structures? We could have Lillian Taiz, past-President of the California Faculty Association, come discuss how this works in California.

***Conclusion***: Rob will talk with the Harry Bridges Center’s Michael McCann about how to loop AAUP back into the conversation about next forums. He will suggest Lillian Taiz as the next speaker after Rhoades. Our Forum organizing committee members included Diane, Rob, Dan, and Michael Honey.

8. **Resolutions** approved.

a. Tent City (approved earlier via email)

b. UW Faculty representation on Board of Regents (approved earlier via email)

c. “Wall of Public Good” **Innovation showcase update**, Jay Johnson (approved as worded below)

9. **UW Faculty Senate items**

Duane reported there is a new compliance regimen, with a new vice president and infrastructure. One of the things besides hiring a boatload of people is sending out a request for qualifications for law firms to defend the UW in the event of a lawsuit. This could eliminate the availability of law firms without a conflict who could be hired by plaintiffs.

The new salary policy passed first vote. To be reviewed by the Code Cop, but the deadline has slid. The executive committee could vote to delay consideration, but this was a timeline extension imposed by administration.

Executive Order 61: Effective 2/12/2016 (after the AAUP meeting), Anyone accused of misconduct will face an “advisory committee" selected by the Department chair. The language states the Dean makes the final decision after considering the Advisory committee’s report. Duane has requested information about what federal rules we were attempting to comply with, but we haven’t seen anything. Members expressed grave concerns about the lack of academic due process. Full language here: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/rules/policies/PO/EO61.html>

Duane will propose an amendment to extend the term limits in the Senate, because we need a longer institutional memory to avoid similar problems.

Provost issue: no further report available. Hasn’t been mentioned again.

Global Information Exchange: as ill-defined as ever. Faculty groups are overseeing degree-granting authority, perhaps, but the administrators are CEOs, not academics.

REPORT from Olympia

Our colleagues Ann Mescher and Gina Neff went to Olympia today to meet with members of the Higher Ed committee, and then to testify for bill, HB 2546, “Adding a faculty representative to the membership of the Board of Regents at the UW.” The Higher Ed Committee was friendly and supportive, including a couple of Republican members.

***Conclusion:*** Ann Mescher will work to have a Class C Resolution introduced to the Faculty Senate in support of the bill.

10. **Reports: no time!**

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Regents Watch

See above: Faculty Senate: Provost issue, ABB survey, Research Misconduct policy

***Regents Watch assignments and reports***

* Feb 11--Allen Library, Rob Wood
* March 10—UW Bothell WHO??
* April 14—Allen Library, Amy Hagopian
* May 12—Allen Library
* June 9—Allen Library
* July 14—Allen Center, CSE 691
* Aug 11—Allen Library (subject to cancelation)
* Sept 8—UW Spokane
* Oct 13—UW Tacoma
* Nov 10—HUB 334
* Dec 8—Allen Library (subject to cancelation)

RESOLUTION TEXTS

1. **US AAUP Supports Tent City at U.W.**

The University of Washington Chapter of the American Association of University Professors supports hosting Tent City 3 (TC3) on the University of Washington campus. Hosting TC3 advances the UW’s mission in the following ways:

First, AAUP-UW is committed to develop the standards and procedures that maintain quality in education. Hosting TC3 presents an opportunity to offer a rich and challenging learning environment through responsible engagement with TC3 residents. Through this engagement, students can develop a nuanced understanding of civil society and inequality and become more compassionate and just practitioners in their chosen professional field.

Second, AAUP-UW is committed to ensuring that higher education contributes to the common good. The UW has a long and proud tradition of service to the citizens of the State of Washington, and in particular to the neighborhoods in which our three campuses are sited. Hosting TC3 is an opportunity to share the security offered by space on campus with one hundred of our neighbors for a finite period of time. In the long term, TC3 opens the door to transformative dialogues and innovative problem solving about how the University can help end chronic homelessness and hunger in our region.

The urgency of the homelessness crisis begs action, and the UW Chapter of AAUP is ready to work with students, staff, and Tent City residents to fulfill the educational and public service goals of the proposed initiative to host TC3 for 90 days during Winter 2016-2017.

1. **UW AAUP Supports Innovation Showcase Recognizing UW Contributions to the Public Good**

University of Washington faculty, through their innovative and diverse scholarship, have made major intellectual contributions to the world around us and contributed immeasurably to the public good.  Faculty innovation is the primary driver of UW’s consistently high rankings on national and international assessments of research impacts. The University of Washington chapter of the American Association of University Professors strongly endorses the findings in the Report of the Innovation Exhibition Exπploratory Committee (December 2013) and urges the UW administration to proceed in a timely manner to act on its conclusions. Of the recommendations of that Exploratory Committee, we support in particular the ideas of a "Scholars Walk" as at our sister institutions, The University of Minnesota at Minneapolis St. Paul (see ref) and at Stanford University. In addition, we encourage the establishment of an internet-based "Virtual Museum" to recognize the innovative contributions to knowledge by faculty, students and staff at UW. The museum content and scholars walk could include patents, highly cited papers, Nobel and other noteworthy prizes, major discoveries, public service achievements, etc. AAUP-UW recommends a committee of faculty members should provide guidance and oversight about the display’s contents. See <http://www.scholarswalk.umn.edu/>

1. **UW AAUP supports House Bill 2546, “Adding a faculty representative to the membership of the Board of Regents at the UW.”**

The University of Washington Chapter of the American Association of University Professors supports an amendment to RCW 28B.20.100 to read as follows: “The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested in a board of regents to consist of ten members, one of whom shall be the immediate past chair of the University of Washington faculty senate and one of whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students.(~~(They)~~) Except for the immediate past chair of the University of Washington faculty senate member, the other members shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.

We appreciate the work of Representatives Pollet, Tarleton, Reykdal, Stanford, McBride and Bergquist to introduce the Bill into the 64th Legislature, 2016 Regular Session.

\*UW 2016 Legislative Agenda

**Make the University Whole – Implementing the state’s new tuition policy**

A critical piece of the state’s new tuition policy is its commitment to fully compensate institutions for the tuition revenue they will lose due to the reduction. As the tuition backfill in the adopted 2015-17 budget was based on outdated enrollment numbers, we seek $4.4 million to make the UW whole.

**Expanding our Successful Rural Dentistry Program in Spokane**

UW requests state funding to expand the UW School of Dentistry’s Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program in Spokane and Eastern Washington with the addition of a simulation lab and expanded clinical rotation opportunities. RIDE trains students to practice in rural and underserved areas, and partners with Eastern Washington University and others in the community to improve oral health across our state.

**Restoring Fairness for Public Agencies Paying Leasehold Excise Tax**

Part of the leasehold excise tax (LET) statute was deleted by a 2013 bill, and as a result the UW now pays additional excess tax out of a fund which otherwise pays for repair and maintenance projects. The UW supports the ability of public property owners to once again pay taxes equal to – not greater than– those of private property owners.

**Computer Science & Engineering – Making more degrees a reality**

In the 2015 legislative session, the legislature dedicated a total of $32.5 million toward our new Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) building, helping double CSE degree production. However, $15.0 million was taken from the UW’s own building account, which pays for system-wide repairs and maintenance. We ask the legislature to allocate $15.0 million in the state bonds to restore the building account funds to their intended and much-needed purpose.

***Meeting schedule 2015/2016 (3 pm to 5 pm)***

February 24 -UW Club

March 16 -UW Club

April 20 -UW Club

ANNUAL MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS: May 5, David Hughes from Rutgers

May 18 – location TBD