**AAUP Executive Board meeting, Wednesday 21st January 2015**

**2:00-3:30pm, with reception following**

**Tacoma Room (GWP 320)​, University of Washington Tacoma**

AAUP board minutes, University of Washington

**Attendance:**

***Executive committee members present:***

Rob Wood, Atmospheric Sciences, President

Amy Hagopian, Public Health, Secretary

Bert Stover, Environmental Health & Family Medicine, Treasurer

***At large board members present:***

Janelle Taylor, Anthropology, Treasurer

Jay Johnson, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, emeritus

Diane Morrison, School of Social Work

Duane Storti, Mechanical Engineering

Bruce Kochis, UW Bothell

Libi Sundermann, UW Tacoma

Kari Lerum, UW Bothell

***Guests:***

Alexandra Smith <not listed> lecturer UWT

Donald Chinn <dchinn>, Assoc Prof, UWT

Maria Gross < mjg938>,lecturer UWT

Matthew Weinstein <mattheww>, professor of Education, UWT

Michael Honey <mhoney>, professor, UWT

Linda Ishem <lishem> Senior lecturer, urban studies, UWT

James Lines <not listed> Part time lecturer, UWT

Margaret Griesse <mgriesse> Part time lecturer, UWT

Jeff Cohen <jwcohen2>, Assist. Prof, Social Work (UWT?)

***Not present:***

Dan Jacoby, UW Bothell Interdisciplinary, Vice-president

Dan Luchtel, School of Public Health

Ann Mescher, Mechanical Engineering

Christoph Giebel, Jackson School of International Studies, and History

Jane Koenig, School of Public Health emeritus

Jack Lee, Mathematics

**Agenda:**

1. Review of previous minutes/action items [Amy, Rob]
2. Discussion of UW’s banking institutions [Amy]
3. Does WA state have a constitutional obligation to fund post-secondary education? [Rob, for Adam Sherman, Evans School]
4. Annual AAUP survey [Amy and Bert] – include childcare questions
5. Visit to UW from Howard Bunsis and/or Rudy Feichtenbaum [Rob]
6. AAUP representation at upcoming Regents meetings [Amy]
7. SEIU conversation [Rob]

Bert brought some AAUP bling. Thanks!

1. Announcement: Dan Jacoby is offering a spring quarter class “Case Studies in Higher Ed Finance and Policy” Wednesdays 5:45 to 10 pm at UW Bothell. It could draw in some interested grad students and faculty guest speakers. BPOLST 586.

2. **New UW lobbyist**

Genesee Adkins is the new UW lobbyist.

***Actions***: We will attempt to attract her to a board meeting, perhaps after the session, spring quarter. April 15?

3. **Banking relationship with UW**

Amy Hagopian posted a list server observation that the UW banks with Chase Bank, which was recently fined $9 billion for its role in the financial crisis. Details here:

<http://www.democracynow.org/2015/1/1/matt_taibbi_and_the_9_billion>

Given all we now know about JP Morgan Chase and how it brought down the economy, leading directly to the explosion in student loan debt, we wondered why the U.W. still does its credit card business with this company. If only for strictly business reasons, why would we want

to conduct transactions with a company that has paid and faces more billions in fines that we will eventually contribute to paying? Why has the business school not withdrawn its leadership award from Jamie Dimon, president and chairman of JP Morgan? Further, why aren’t we moving our business, or at least as much of it as we could, to the Washington State Employees Credit Union?

Chuck Bergquist and Devon Peña have offered to work on a resolution re. UW banking institution choices. Janelle noted any resolution we pass should connect the dots back to our mission, of course. Duane asked about the Internal Lending Program. This is the mechanism by which the UW leverages its AAA rating to finance enterprises like stadium construction. Where is the accounting made public on these arrangements? Is there any faculty oversight? What are the legal parameters?

***Actions***: We’ll invite Bergquist and Peña to bring their proposed resolution to an upcoming meeting.

4. Is there a state **Constitutional obligation to fund higher education in Washington State?**

Adam Sherman, former GPSS president (now in Evans School), wrote a report < <https://digital.law.washington.edu/dspace-law/bitstream/handle/1773.1/1404/89WLRO15.pdf?sequence=1>>

with Hugh Spitzer arguing that Washington State has a Constitutional obligation to fund higher education. They also wrote an op-ed for the Seattle Times. They would like to know if AAUP is interested in getting behind a move to bring this forward in the legislature or the courts, kind of a McCleary like effort for higher ed.

We discussed the emerging view that access to higher education is a human right, and President Obama’s new proposal that the first two years of community college education be free. Article 26 from the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), states:

(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. There are efforts to expand this to say countries should freely provide the amount of education needed to fully participate in society.

The board voted yes, we are interested. Is AAUP being asked to be a plaintiff? We would consider that, but we didn’t make that commitment at this meeting.

***Actions***: We’ll invite Sherman and Spitzer to an upcoming meeting. March 4?

**5. Faculty Survey**

Last year we generated our first ever UW AAUP faculty survey. Bert Stover distributed a copy of the questions from last year, as a way of launching the conversation about whether we want to repeat our survey. There was conversation about whether we should do our survey every year or every other year.

If we do a survey this year, there is a request to add questions concerning child care. GPSS is very interested in this topic now. UW just hired a new vice Provost for childcare, Amy Hawkins. Professor Weinstein noted this is a hot topic at UW Tacoma, which until recently has offered no organized childcare for faculty, staff or students. There is now a new partnership with the Tacoma Children’s Museum, which has agreed to add 30 slots to its program for UWT students and faculty. UW Bothell has no services at all. UW Seattle has 250 slots available at 4 daycare centers, and each maintains long waitlists. By comparison, Univ of Wisconsin has 750 slots.

We might want to update the survey to ask respondents about their level of support for this year’s new strategic plan items. That way, the survey serves to educate respondents about our plan.

We might want to keep some questions stable so we can compare results year to year.

There was a proposal we conduct a standard survey with relatively similar questions every other year (even numbered years, with 2014 as our base year). In the odd numbered years (2015, 2017…) we would ask only a few questions from the baseline survey, and use the rest of the questions to examine a particular topic of interest. This year, it might be childcare. In another year it might be transportation, for example.

Bert, as a survey expert, suggested we send out a message a week before the survey goes out, promoting the theme. Then we’d distribute the survey itself.

Bert has compiled a 7000 person mailing list for the survey. Amy has a list from the 2014 survey, which she corrected to remove bounced addresses.

UWT does a local faculty affairs survey, including child care questions. It also uses the Harvard “COACHE” (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) survey. The UW Seattle faculty affairs office doesn’t do any surveying. http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=coache&pageid=icb.page307142

Jay suggested our spring forum be on childcare.

***Actions***: We agreed to do a child-care focused survey this year, with a few baseline questions. We’ll go back to the full baseline survey in 2016. Diane, Kari and Bert will identify the baseline “every year” questions. Ann Mescher has already sent some child care questions to Rob. We’ll ask Bert to report at our next meeting.

6. AAUP leaders, Howard Bunsis and Rudy Fichtenbaum offered to visit the UW campus this year. Dawn Tefft is assuming the role of Pacific NW coordinator soon, she’s moving from Chicago. We would want to invite them to address a clear topic, not just a general invitation. We anticipate some turf issues with our explorations with SEIU.

***Actions***: Rob will follow up to discuss dates and topics for the visit.

7. We agreed to send AAUP board members to Regents meetings. Assigned dates are below. Those who attend should sign in to speak, say you’re from AAUP, and offer a comment on one or another item in our strategic plan. You can sign up on line to speak in advance.

* 1. Jan 8 – missed
  2. Feb 12- Christoph Giebel
  3. Mar 12 – Dan Jacoby
  4. Apr 9 – Amy Hagopian
  5. May 14 – Rob Wood
  6. June 11 – Kari Lerum
  7. July 9
  8. Aug 13
  9. Sept 10 – Janelle Taylor
  10. Oct 8 (Tacoma) – Libi Sundermann
  11. Dec 10

Duane noted that Regents subcomittees are where the action is, those meetings are held before the main meeting. It’s unclear that they are legally held in private given the state’s open meeting act.

***Actions***: Board members needed to sign up for the dates unassigned. Rob will follow up to learn more about the subcommittee meetings and how we can attend those.

8. Union organizing.

We reminded everyone of the state law regarding faculty unionization—it requires a single union, representing all levels of faculty. Duane remarked, however, that when union cards are signed and the matter goes to the Labor Relations Board, the exact rules around the electorate becomes a matter for adjudication.

Amy reported on a meeting she and Dan Jacoby conducted with Bill Lyne, union president at WWU. Notes from that conversation were circulated separately.

How do WSU feel faculty feel about unionizing? There is lots of provocation by administration that might be encouraging.

***Actions***: AAUP board members are starting to schedule appointments with colleagues to explore the level of interest in unionizing. This “probe” will be conducted during February and March, 2015.

Note: Rovy Branon is schedule to attend our meeting on May 13th