

Minutes of the  
CCSU-AAUP Executive Committee  
Wednesday March 9, 2016  
Student Center – Blue & White Room

Present: M. Cistulli, D. Hanford, S. Holt, S. Jones, K. Kean, M. Mahony M. Malinowski,  
J. Melnyk, J. O'Connor, P. Petterson, L. Williams

1. President M. Mahony called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.
2. Announcements
  - a. Chapter Meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm – 4:30pm, Marcus White Living Room
  - b. Demonstration commemorating the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, April 5<sup>th</sup>, lawn of the Capitol, Hartford
3. Minutes unanimously approved for the December 9, 2015 meeting. (Petterson / Cistulli)

4. President's Report and Discussion

With the agreement of both parties, contract negotiations were extended to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Negotiations will take place this week on March 10<sup>th</sup> and then on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It is unknown at this time if negotiations will take place during Spring Break.

Lobby Day was on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and faculty were able to meet with their legislators.

M. Ojakian wants to start the search for the president position at CCSU following the search for the president position at SCSU. The search process for CCSU's president will start on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

5. New Business

- a. S. Adair suggested that the Union should be involved with the Better Choices for Connecticut Coalition.  
**Motion: Recommendation to the CSU-AAUP Council that we join the Better Choices for Connecticut Coalition. (Petterson / O'Connor). Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. J. O'Connor suggested that the Union should become involved with Labor Notes. L. Williams and several students will be attending their conference next month.  
**Motion: Recommendation to the CSU-AAUP Council that we become involved with Labor Notes. (Jones / Petterson). Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. The use of Google Hangouts as a virtual meeting option was recommended as a way to possibly engage more part-time faculty who were unable to attend chapter meetings on campus. M. Mahony and T. Burkholder tested Google Hangouts with limited success, but felt the technology could be made to work.  
**Motion: CCSU-AAUP will pursue the use of Google Hangouts at chapter meetings for the benefit of part-time faculty. (Petterson / O'Connor). Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Old Business – None

7. Standing Reports

a. Treasurer Report (M. Cistulli)

The Treasurers Report was unanimously approved as presented. (Petterson / Melnyk)

b. Grievance and Contract (L. Williams)

L. Williams successfully fought on behalf of a faculty member who should have had a full investigation before being suspended without pay. The faculty member, who has since resigned, will receive all due back pay.

c. FAC

M. Mahony will be attending the FAC conference on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Housatonic CC.

d. Part-time Advisory (K. Kean)

Don Rogers will be a finalist for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Provost has contacted the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development about developing ways to assist part-time faculty.

M. Mahony discussed updating the Faculty Handbook to include more information for part-time faculty. S. Cohen will bring this up at Faculty Senate.

e. Liaisons (P. Petterson)

M. Mahony would like to work with the liaisons to find out more about how departments are working with the Office of Diversity and Equity, and if students are going directly to the Office of Diversity and Equity with grade questions before going through the grade appeal process first. Concern was also expressed about Office of Diversity and Equity overreach.

f. Chapter Elections (S. Jones)

The nominations for the CCSU –AAUP chapter representatives to the CSU-AAUP Council are: Mihai Bailesteanu, William Fothergill, John O’Connor, Jared Ragusett, and Louise Williams. The change in the number of representatives from 8 and an alternate to 7 and an alternate is due to the decrease of part-time faculty over the last few years. Elections will take place at the end of March.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Hanford

Secretary