

AOF Board Minutes

April 21, 2012

Present: Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, Tim Thompson, Greg Monahan, and Alan Bakalinsky. Kristen Leonard and Chris Parta from C&E Systems was also present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Tim Thompson.

Minutes from the March 17, 2012 meeting approved as amended.

Treasurer's report was accepted. Jacqueline reminded Kemble to get a letter from PAC/Mark Nelson officially recognizing the completion of retirement of the debt.

Motion: Travel reimbursement policy is changed to reimburse \$0.45/mile, parking up to \$5, \$15 lunch stipend for official AOF functions. *Passed unanimously.*

Bylaws and Constitution discussion. We need to run a Bylaws-compliant annual meeting and election. In that light, our current officers must be considered 'acting'. Kemble will instruct our web master to put our minutes up and to update the officer list.

AAUP/AOF joint meeting. Jacqueline has been working on such a meeting, and the leading candidate is Saturday, September 15.

Jacqueline announced she will run a membership drive in the next couple of weeks. On this general topic, we will discuss in the future of contracting for some help with a more comprehensive strategy for membership campaigns and other issues.

Lobbyist Report (KL and CP):

Chris started by updating us on the implementation of PEBB's HEM model. He handed out a useful blurb with some info on deadlines, consequences, etc.

From the PERS front: the Coalition lead attorney, Greg Hartman, opines that the latest issue du jour, changing the assumed 8% interest rate would not hold up under legal challenge, based on past precedent. Other potential issues: allowing sick leave to count in "full formula", "double-dipping" prohibition, etc. Kemble and others raised the question of how can we get more information on the portfolio representing IAP and Tier 2 accounts.

UO faculty have held a card-check election which resulted in a favorable vote for representation. UO administration has made some typical challenges to the bargaining unit composition before ERB. The process continues to play out.

The "Special Committee on University Governance" has now been formed and will be meeting every two weeks for the foreseeable future. They have an August 15 deadline to complete their report. Among the significant charges is to make recommendations viz-a-viz local boards for universities, tuition authority, hiring of presidents, etc. Kemble volunteered to draft a position

paper on core values that Oregon's faculty want preserved in the transition to the new OUS governance structure.

Chris and Kristen also shared with us a document from the OUS board visioning how individual institutional boards would be formed and would share governance with the OUS Board (and the OEIB and the HECC).

2012 elections. Kristen overviewed key Oregon election slates, primary and general.

President's Report

(Continuation of AAUP/AOF joint meeting). A meeting (the Oregon Academic Labor committee) Jacqueline will attend occur June 2 at La Salle Conference Center at OSU. Jacqueline said the intended follow-up would be an annual meeting of statewide AAUP on September 15, at which maybe we could hold our annual meeting.

Next Meeting

We agreed to meet June 3, 2012 at OSU.
The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.