

Report for New York State Conference Meeting, October 22-23, 2010—Lenore Beaky, National Council

List of Topics considered by the National Council at the national meeting, June 9-12, 2010

- The nomination process for members of the National Council (both from districts and at large) has been changed: members can self-nominate or nominate others, 6 AAUP members' names needed. Council should receive notice by Nov 1 if insufficient candidates have been nominated. This new nomination process will be reconsidered by Council in November.
- The revised dues structure for advocacy members was adopted—salary bands from \$30,000 (\$45) to over \$120,000 (\$225).
- Pursuant to previous complaints with the DOL, the 2010 election for ASC chair was rerun, and complaints were lodged with the DOL immediately after the rerun of this election.
- Membership statistics: as of April 30, 2010, total membership including fee payers was 48,532 (down from 48,725 last year); Advocacy members 14,640, CB 26,340).
- The General Secretary, Gary Rhoades, is to be formally evaluated next year. The Council discussed procedures to be followed; a five member committee will propose procedures for the consideration at the November Council.
- Censures voted on by Committee A, The Council, and the Plenary: Clark Atlanta (peremptory dismissals), University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (dismissals without explanation of claimed financial exigency)
- Sanction voted by Committee T, the Council, and the Plenary: Antioch University; also forthcoming governance conference, joint subcommittee of governance and contingent faculty
- CBC report—campaigns at Bowling Green, New Mexico, Oregon (with AFT) and Sinclair CC (with AFT)
- new hires in DOS (Kira Schumann) and Research and Public Policy (Nse Ufot)

Additional activities, since the June Council:

- Governance Committee investigations—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, for the suspension of their faculty senate—a draft report is being circulated among members of the Governance Committee, vote whether to “sanction” would follow, thence to the National Council and to the June Plenary for AAUP approval
- Staff of Committee A is considering the actions which abolished several foreign language and other departments at SUNY-Albany
- AAUP presentation on “Current Challenges to Academic Freedom” to take place at January 2011 MLA—Cary Nelson, Mayra Besosa, Jenn Nichols, James Turk (CAUT)