National AAUP invites signatures on Centennial Declaration

National AAUP writes: “Show your support for restoring colleges and universities as a public good by signing the AAUP Centennial Declaration. We’ll add your name to the growing ranks of citizens who support free and open higher education, learning opportunities that don’t leave students with crippling debt, and new levels of engagement between campus and community. Nearly 100 years ago, the American Association of University Professors issued the 1915 Declaration of Principles on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure. AAUP principles helped build the largest and most successful system of higher education in the world. One hundred years later, U.S. institutions of higher learning need a new commitment from faculty, students, and community allies to reclaim the possibilities that have been threatened by corporatization.” To sign the Declaration, as an individual or on behalf of a Chapter or other group, http://www.aaupdeclaration.org/

For text of the Declaration, see... 5

BREAKING NEWS:

ECSU authorizes No Confidence vote on Regents President

Gregory Gray and on the Transform CSCU 2020 plan

Vote to be held on unspecified future date; said to have strong support on all CSU campuses.

Gray notifies CSU employees that the deadline for submission of the Transform plan will be extended by two months, to March at the earliest, to provide more time for input from faculty, staff, and others.

For more information, see https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/11/14/illinois-trustees-give-go-ahead-to-re-hire-james-kilgore

U. Illinois Trustees give go-ahead to re-hire James Kilgore

Kilgore (Global Studies and Urban Planning, part-time) was barred from continuing in his adjunct position at the Urbana-Champaign campus because of his 1970s activities with the Symbionese Liberation Army, for which he served prison time and which he had not concealed from the University.

He had already taught at UI for four years and had the support of all five of the “hiring faculty.” According to Inside Higher Ed, the Board continues to assert its authority over hiring and promotion of full-time and tenured faculty, but not, “traditionally,” over adjunct hires. They urged the UI system’s president to “develop a clear policy to guide future hiring decisions for part-time and adjunct staff throughout three-campus university.” Until then, current hiring practices for adjunct faculty may continue.

Notes from the Conference Executive Committee

CSC–AAUP Issues Call for Nominations

The 2015 CSC–AAUP Nominating Committee, comprising Chair Vijay Nair (CSC–AAUP Past President), Jocelyn Boryczka (FWC–AAUP Vice President), and Richard Rockwell (UConn–AAUP Past President), announces a Call for Officer Nominations.

Nominations are being solicited for CSC–AAUP President, CSC–AAUP Vice President, CSC–AAUP Secretary, CSC–AAUP Treasurer, and four (4) CSC–AAUP At-Large Members. To make a nomination, or to self-nominate, please send candidate’s name, discipline, and institutional affiliation to the CSC–AAUP 2015 Nominating Committee c/o Conference Office, P.O. Box 1597, New Milford, CT 06776. Nominees must be AAUP members in good standing.

December 12, 2014, is the deadline for receipt of nominations. Nominees shall indicate in writing their willingness to stand for office and shall supply contact information and a biographical statement for use by the CSC–AAUP Candidate names will be included in the electronic ballot disseminated by the national AAUP office spring 2015.

On May 8, 2014, members approved the following Resolution: In order to synchronize with the new election schedule at National AAUP, individuals elected to the CT State Conference in 2015 shall serve one-year terms. For information about the special resolution, and the terms and duties of each office, please refer to the CSC–AAUP Constitution/Bylaws posted on the web site http://csc.csuaaup.org/.

National AAUP Issues Call for Nominations

The Association’s 2014 Nominating Committee seeks nominations for candidates for election to the AAUP’s governing Council in spring 2015. All members of the Association in good standing, with the exception of associate members, are eligible to be elected to Council positions and to nominate other eligible members. The committee seeks a diverse group of candidates with experience in the AAUP at the local, state, or national level.

Nine three-year positions are open for election: Two at-large Council positions.

One Council position in each of these geographical districts: I, II, IV, V, VII, VIII, and X.

Please send nominations by e-mail to nominations@aaup.org or by surface mail to AAUP Nominating Committee, 1133 Nineteenth Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

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Calling All Book Lovers! Vanguard needs volunteers to serve as occasional book reviewers. Book reviews are expected to be 750 to 1500 words, double-spaced, and we promise not to ask for more than one review per year...unless reviewers want to do more!

For Vanguard the ideal book reviewer is a full- or part-time faculty member or graduate student with a lively interest in and appreciation for academic issues that go beyond the disciplinary.

As regular readers of Vanguard know, we include on our bookshelves works on the history and philosophy of education, current issues and trends in academia or pedagogy, biographies of important figures in education, and flights of fiction and fancy (we especially love satire and professor detectives!), and are delighted to publish such reviews. Vanguard will also publish compendia of shorter book recommendations from time to time. We do not review scholarly works on narrow disciplinary issues.

If you would like to join our list of reviewers, contact Jane Hikel, our new Vanguard Book Review Editor, through the Conference office. She’ll suggest a book or approve your suggestion, and arrange a deadline for your contribution; she is especially interested in books written by our colleagues in Connecticut.

If you love to read (and what academician doesn’t?), here’s your opportunity to contribute to Vanguard.... Why not volunteer today!

It’s a noisy, traffic-snaring street protest of bullhorns, hund- reds of angry shouts and raised fists, packaged as an unassuming cookbook,” says Caprice Lawless, whose inspiration it was to create this book: The Adjunct Cookbook, part recipes for low-cost meals, part recipes for activism and information on AAUP policies and general resources for faculty trying to live in the world of contingency. A review, and information on how to get your own copy (or one for a friend or colleague), will appear in the next issue of Vanguard.

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From the President:

Ira Braus

Music History, The Hart School, University of Hartford

Dear Colleagues,

When I was elected president of CSC–AUP last year, I reflected on how I arrived here and on a project I would like to see through during my term. I want to share those reflections and aspirations with you.

Yes, I won a vote of confidence from state AAUP members to attain this post, but I’m thinking more autobiographically: What life experiences may have prepared me to take on this office? The first such experience was my first teaching job, one acquired after graduating from SUNY Stony Brook nearly forty years ago. Armed with a Master’s in piano performance from its then-storied music department, I learned quickly that securing teaching jobs in the arts was not easy, even with a Tanglewood fellowship under my belt. After two aimless years, I landed a contingent position in a small school in upstate New York, drilling music majors in their scales and chords for the requisite wage of one hundred dollars per week. I lasted only three years there, for I had done my job too well! One day the department chair admonished me, “I know you’re serious about music, but these kids aren’t. Give them one-a semester pop piano course or leave.” To make a long story short, I relocated to Harvard, emerging seven years later with a Ph.D. in musicology and a few respectable publications. “Finding a good job will be a slam dunk,” I thought. Wrong. Indeed my Ph.D. cohorts and I, specialty irrespec- tive, found ourselves sharing the same professional concerns during the mid-1980s. Some scraped by with contingent jobs; others “repur-

President...
National AAUP Issues Call for Nominations

To nominate yourselves for the Council or to nominate another eligible member, individuals must submit the following information by December 14, 2014:

The position for which the individual is being nominated.

The name, institution, and e-mail address of the individual being nominated.

Endorsements in support of the proposed nominee must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by December 14. Endorsements must cite the specific position for which the individual is being endorsed and the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the endorser. [Note: Nominations to a district Council position must be endorsed by at least six eligible members employed in that district.]

To ensure that all six endorsements arrive by December 14, we encourage potential candidates (or those acting on their behalf) to collect and submit them together in one letter or e-mail.

An alternative nomination-by-petition process is set forth in the AAUP Constitution (online at http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/about/bus/constitu ition.htm). Nominating petitions must be received in the AAUP’s national office by December 14.

The Nominating Committee will submit its final report to the Council by December 21. All proposed nominees who meet the eligibility requirements will have their names included on the ballot for the national Council elections in spring 2015.

Please send nominations by e-mail to nominations@aaup.org or by surface mail to AAUP Nominating Committee, 1131 Nineteenth Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

Council districts open for election are I (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah); II (Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming); IV (Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia); V (Alabama, Canada, Florida, Foreign, Georgia, Guam, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virgin Islands, West Virginia); VII (New Jersey); VIII (New York); and X (Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island).

For more info, please visit: http://www.aaup.org/about/elected-leaders/elections.

The Robert Bard Legal Defense Fund

The Robert Bard Legal Defense Fund was established by the Connecticut Conference of the AAUP in 1998 to support litigation in cases or situations where AAUP principles of academic freedom, shared governance, or due process have been violated.

We have received a generous contribution to the Robert Bard Legal Defense Fund from an anonymous donor, in memory of the persistent and principled activism of David Bedding.

The Mort Tenzer Travel Fund

The Mort Tenzer Travel Fund was established by the Connecticut Conference of the AAUP in 2005 to assist chapters or academic departments in hosting guest speakers or in the training of advocates for AAUP principles of academic freedom and the common good.

We have received a generous contribution to the Mort Tenzer Travel Fund from an anonymous donor, in memory of Eli Dubois, CT Educational Assembly President.

The George Lang Award

The George Lang Award was established by the Connecticut Conference of the AAUP in 2007 to honor the memory of our colleague by recognizing a faculty member at Fairfield University who early in his or her career has shown awareness of and dedication to important AAUP issues such as academic freedom, shared governance, and faculty rights and responsibilities.

We have received a generous contribution to the George Lang Award fund from Mary-Beth Lang, Mrs. Marian Lang.

The protection and exercise of academic freedom is an ongoing mission.

JOIN AAUP... it's easy! Go to http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/in volved/join/ (and tell them Vanguard sent you!)

Conference Chapter Service Program

The Chapter Service Program is a Conference-based initiative to develop local chapters as active advocacy organizations.

The Connecticut State Conference-AAUP, in collaboration with the Assembly of State Conferences of AAUP National, will provide (for minimal local financial obligation) these services and others:

• Chapter Leadership Training
• The Analysis of Institutional Financial Data
• Consultation and Training in the Effective Use of Financial Analyses
• Training and Assistance in Chapter Committee A Work
• Consultation on Institutional Assessment
• Consultation on Faculty Issues in Use of Technology in Higher Education

To take advantage of the Chapter Service Program, contact the Conference Office, attention Charles Ross, Chapter Service Program Director.

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posed the skills for the greater glory of Wall Street. Around 1989 I tried to start a program called “The Traveling University,” whereby educational foundations, I fancied, would fund monthly university residencies during which unemployed scholars would share work-in-progress with students and faculty. When the Ford and comparable foundations pleaded poverty, I knew something was amiss, since a few million dollars per year would have probably not bankrupted them. End of dream. So after holding more contingent jobs and other types of underemployment, I secured my now-tenured position at the University of Hartford, one exacting a price of its own. I remember that during my tenure period, I faced academic corporatization head-on. Take the undergraduate administrator who pressed me to “accommodate our customers” (read: inflate grades). Or the university curriculum committee decreeing that a grad class I’d taught for five years—and based on my doctoral work—would vanish, since its changeable enrollment wasn’t “cost-effective for the university.” Such decisions, of course, were not unique. Entire departments in U.S. schools had been disappearing, and continue to disappear, for similar reasons.

Nowadays, I’ve been following the latest marketing fad in academia: branding. Branding, as we have learned, tries to reduce the complexity of a university to a bunch of slogans—for instance, “Become a C.E.O. before you become a sophomore.” (One hopes that the next Bill Gates won’t apply to a school so branded!) In a word, too many university dollars go to PR rather than to supporting higher education. I therefore charge AAUP members to devise alternatives to branding, under the aegis of a statewide colloquium to be convened during the next two years. Our goal would be to re-educate university leaders to value what the university offers students beyond generic success: the ownership of their mind.

I hope you will share ideas on this proposed colloquium. You can reach me by way of the State Conference or by e-mail at <braus@hartford.edu>.

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February–March: The first CSC–AAUP meeting of the 2014 academic year, scheduled at Fairfield University in early February, was cancelled because of a heavy snow storm. Members traveled to the Fairfield University campus on March 13.

April: On April 5, Irene Mulvey, CSC–AAUP Treasurer, and Jocelyn Borycza, FWC/AAUP Vice President, traveled to Middletown High School in Middletown for the “We Are Not Wisconsinit” event sponsored by the State Employees Bargaining Agents Coalition (SEBAC). The event generated a huge, enthusiastic turnout of members from the various state unions. Attendees took note as visitors from Wisconsin related daunting tales about the threat to unionism, academic freedom, and shared governance endured in recent battles with the governor over collective-bargaining issues. It was a warning that Connecticut members took seriously.

April brought sobering news about the sudden passing of CSC–AAUP President David Bedding. David had been in fine form for our earlier meetings, and his death took everyone by surprise. On April 18, Albert Buatti, Ruth Anne Baumgartner, Irene Mulvey, Susan Reinhardt, Charles Ross, Mort Tenzer, and Flo Hatcher joined Paula Bedding and her children at David’s services in Middletown. The Conference and members of the Emeritus Assembly continue to mourn this devastating loss.

Ira Braus, Emeritus Assembly Member, and Michael Bailey attended the ASC Leadership Summit hosted by the Ohio State Conference.

May: On May 8, CSC–AAUP officers traveled to the New Haven Graduate Club for the Annual Spring Meeting, which featured Gerald Epstein, Economics Professor and Co-Director of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts—Amherst. President Irene Braus welcomed members and officers from six AAUP chapters, including those from the “new” University of Hartford–AAUP Chapter; President Hemchandra Shertukde; Vice President Albert Buatti; Charles Ross, Treasurer Charles, Arjanntaran Sahay, and organizing member Saeed Moslehpoor, Officers from the Emeritus Assembly and the new UConn–AAUP Executive Director Michael Bailey were also introduced. Special acknowledgment went to CSC–AAUP’s Linda Cunningham and Steve Greatorex for their noteworthy support of the Spring Meeting. Irene Mulvey was congratulated on her election as District Nine national AAUP Council Member. Morton Tenzer, Emeritus Assembly Liaison to the Conference, asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of David Bedding.

Irene Mulvey conducted the business meeting, during which members unanimously approved the election-process language change to permit synchronization with the new national AAUP election schedule. Irene introduced FWC/AAUP President Jocelyn Borycza, who presented the seventh 2014 George E. Lang, Jr. Award to John Miecznikowski, Chemistry, Fairfield University. Prof. Epstein then spoke to the question “Are Economics Faculty Selling out to Market Interests?” His illuminating talk was timely, given recent events highlighted by the publication of the AAUP’s 2014 Recommended Principles To

Guide Academy-Industry Relationships. The Q & A following the presentation, facilitated by Albert Buatti, was engaged and vigorous. The Spring Meeting drew an impressive 122 attendees from eleven separate Connecticut institutions, AAUP chapter officers from eight different campuses, and members representing twenty-five disciplines.

June: During June 11–15 Ira Braus, Irene Mulvey, Al Buatti, Ruth Anne Baumgartner, Clifton Price, and Flo Hatcher traveled to Washington, DC, for the 100th National Annual AAUP Meeting. Irene Mulvey scheduled Capitol Hill Day legislative office visits throughout June. On June 12, David Amdurs, Michael Bailey, Ruth Anne Baumgartner, Ira Braus, Albert Buatti, Oskar Harmon, Clifton Price, Diana Rios, Eugene Santos, David St-Onge, and Flo Hatcher walked the halls of Cannon, Hart, Longworth, and Rayburn buildings to visit Connecticut Senators and Congresspersons. Irene led discussions on the issues and presented AAUP position papers for consideration by the legislators and their staff. All attendees enhanced the conversations with insightful views based on their campus experiences. The day on the Hill provides a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with those responsible for legislation that can have profound effects on faculty and students.

On June 11–12, Irene Mulvey and Michael Bailey attended the ASC Leadership Summit hosted by the Ohio State Conference.

July: During July 17–20 Irene Mulvey, Ira Braus, and Hemchandra M. Shertukde traveled to Hofstra University, in Long Island, New York, for the 2014 Summer Institute. Irene presented workshopping with Joerg Tieke, and Ira and Professor Shertukde enrolled in seminars and workshops on institutional financial research, chapter building, and shared governance processes. This was Professor Shertukde’s first summer institute experience. CSC–AAUP joined two other ASC Summer Institute scholarships for two advocacy members from Colorado and Mont Saint Mary’s College.

September: On September 11, CSC–AAUP Members, UConn–AAUP Executive Director Michael Bailey, and UHart–AAUP Chapter President Hemchandra M. Shertukde met at the University of Hartford, where new UCHC–AAUP Executive Director Diomedes Tisitouras joined us for the first time.

On September 17, Wesleyan University celebrated their annual Constitution Day Lecture series with a talk by University of Texas Law School Distinguished Teaching Professor David Rabban titled “Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and the American University.” For several years Professor Rabban served as Counsel to the national AAUP. Irene Mulvey, Adam Fieldsteel, and Flo Hatcher joined Wesleyan faculty and students in the Olin Memorial Library Smith Reading Room for a fascinating talk that touched on several current controversial academic situations.

Ira Braus attended a showing of the documentary film Ivory Tower, by Andrew Ross, at Real Art Ways in Hartford. The film questions the cost and value of higher education in the United States. The Connecticut Working Families Organization was a sponsor.

October: On October 9, CSC–AAUP Executive Committee members met at Wesleyan University and were joined by Lindsay Farrell, Executive Director of the Vocal Faculty Organization. On October 11, CSU–AAUP President Vijay Nair, CSU–AAUP campus officers, UConn–AAUP officers and directors, and CSC–AAUP members traveled to the Eastern Connecticut State University Willimantic campus for the Collective Bargaining Congress Regional Meeting. CBC Officers, national AAUP leaders, and Department of Organizing Services staff unveiled the “One Faculty Project.” Through the One Faculty campaign, AAUP staff, leadership, and members are working to develop tools that faculty can use locally to improve job security for faculty in contingent appointments, strengthen shared governance at the institutional and departmental levels, and improve compensation for faculty in contingent appointments.

On October 14, Congressman Joe Courtney was the keynote speaker at the 2014 Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the UConn–AAUP Chapter and the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association. Albert Buatti, Irene Mulvey, and Flo Hatcher joined UConn–AAUP President Diana Rios, UConn–AAUP Executive Director Michael Bailey, UConn–AAUP Associate Director David Amdurs, UCHC–AAUP Executive Director Diomedes Tisitouras, UConn–AAUP staff members, and UConn faculty for a pre-election event.

On October 31, Irene Mulvey attended the national Committee A meeting in the Washington, DC, Association offices.

November: On November 12, Emeritus Assembly members gathered at the Legislative Office Building for a November elections wrap-up. Former state Senator Lawrence De Nardis (UNH professor of Political Science) and UConn Political Science Associate Professor Ronald Shurin discussed repercussions of state and national election outcomes.

On November 13, CSC–AAUP Executive Committee members met at Wesleyan University. On November 15–16 Irene Mulvey traveled to Washington, DC, for Committee A & National Council meetings.

State Conference Outreach: In her capacity as CSC–AAUP officer and ASC Member at Large, Irene Mulvey traveled to Fort Lewis, Durango, CO, to conduct workshops on chapter development. Colorado colleague Jonathan Rees was also a presenter. Suzanne Hudson and Don Eron are Colorado Conference officers. Caprice Lawless, from the Front Range Community College AAUP/FRC–AAUP/Chapter and creator of The Adjunct Cookbook, a unique survival guide for adjunct faculty with lots of food for thought, presented too. Her entertaining, timely, and informative presentation was received with overwhelming enthusiasm. The CSC–AAUP sponsored Caprice for the 2013 AAUP Summer Institute.

Irene Mulvey traveled to the Pennsylvania Division for their annual meeting. John Hinshaw, Lebanon Valley College, is President. Other ASC officers traveled to Georgia & to New Mexico to support chapter and conference formation.
call for proposals

AAUP website

“Academic freedom” was still a new idea when John Dewey, Arthur O. Lovejoy, and other prominent scholars organized the American Association of University Professors in 1915. Thanks to the AAUP, academic freedom is now recognized as the fundamental principle of our profession. Despite this ascendance, academic freedom remains vulnerable.

Now, as we prepare for our 2015 Annual Conference on the State of Higher Education, we invite reflection on the history of the AAUP and the future of our core values of academic freedom and shared governance.

The AAUP Annual Conference on the State of Higher Education will be held June 11–14, 2015, in conjunction with the AAUP Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Proposals will be accepted through December 10.

We invite presentation proposals on all topics of interest to a diverse, multidisciplinary higher education audience. However, special consideration will be given to those that work within the central themes:

- AAUP History: history of a chapter, a conference, an issue, or a constituency within the AAUP; the changing face of AAUP membership; diversity and AAUP history.
- Academic Freedom: how best to protect it for all faculty, current challenges to academic freedom, academic freedom and specific groups (such as librarians or graduate students). Shared Governance: organizing to defend the faculty voice, its relationship to AAUP chapters, participation by specific groups.

Proposal Guidelines

We encourage proposals that raise questions, engage conference participants in discussion, and foster dialogue.

You may propose either a complete session, with multiple participants, or an individual presentation, with one presenter. Individual presentations, if accepted, will be grouped into sessions with other related individual presentations.

Complete sessions may consist of a set of traditional presentations (a panel presentation), followed by Q&A, or may be structured as a roundtable discussion, designed to encourage more audience participation.

Hotel Information

Mayflower Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Conference Deadlines

December 10, 2014: Deadline to submit a proposal. January 15, 2015: You will be notified whether your proposal has been accepted. (Conference registration opens January 21, 2015.)

March 15, 2015: Deadline for all presenters to register for the conference and pay applicable registration fees. Sessions will be cancelled if presenters have not registered.

April 1, 2015: Presenters to receive their time slots. Please note that all presentation will be on Thursday, June 11, and Friday, June 12.

Proposal Policies

Submitting a presentation proposal does not guarantee its acceptance; the AAUP is under no requirement to accept any submission. Submissions should not include defamatory statements or raise other significant legal concerns.

We discourage submissions entirely devoted to specific ongoing disputes involving individuals and their institutions.

Promotion or criticism of candidates running for office on AAUP Professional, State, or national elections is not allowed.

To submit a proposal, please use the form provided on the AAUP website: http://www.aaup.org/eet-involved/coming-events/2015/aaup-annual-conference/call-proposals

Questions? E-mail proposals@aaup.org