

APSCUF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, August 29, 2008
Sieg Conference Center
7:00-8:00 pm

MINUTES

President Fay Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 69 members and Office Manager Shelley Schenck present.

1. Presentation of APSCUF Scholarship Awards

M. Girton presented scholarships to three Lock Haven students.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2008 Meeting (Exhibit I)

M. Cloud made a motion, seconded by P. Ballat, to approve the minutes. The motion passed, with one opposed.

3. Special Guest: State APSCUF President Dr. Steve Hicks

S. Hicks reported that his administration has worked on implementation of the Brawer Report. Legislative Assembly passed a resolution that Chapter Presidents and the State Executive Council would both forward recommendations. Both bodies agree that CP's will be the policy arm for negotiations; both bodies also agree to hire an outside negotiator.

S. Hicks also reported work on state appropriations. He described Chancellor John Cavanaugh as a politician who is willing to work with APSCUF to increase political support. The Chancellor intends to restore the position of Vice Chancellor for Government Relations. APSCUF is working with a grass-roots student organization to increase voter registration because APSCUF does not have enough money to impress politicians.

In response to questions, S. Hicks said that the Chancellor seems inclined to buck the Governor and the Board of Governors. State APSCUF will reimburse each chapter for \$2000 spent on public relations. In the next negotiations, a smaller APSCUF team will be at the table, and the period of negotiations will be shorter. CP's will go from chapter to chapter explaining proposals. APSCUF paid \$157,000 over two years to Jim Cowden for the last negotiations. APSCUF is not fiscally sound, with a projected deficit of \$141,000. A dues increase will be discussed at Legislative Assembly. TIAA-CREF conversion and a COLA have a chance of being passed, but the Senate has only nine working days before the election and none afterward.

4. Grievance Report

Grievance Chair H. Congdon reported that Grievance 08-013LH—Promotions (APSCUF) has advanced to Step Three.

5. President's Report

a. Negotiations Consultant (update)

See (3.) above.

b. Management Searches

Elections for APSCUF positions on search committees will be held Sept. 2-3, 2008. There are 29 candidates for the Provost's search and six for the Director of Clearfield Campus. The Provost wants to fill the Director's position by Jan. 1, 2009.

6. New Business

a. Children at Work

In response to faculty complaints, the Director of Human Resources has distributed a draft policy and has asked for feedback. F. Cook will distribute it by e-mail on Sept. 2, 2008, and it is on the agenda for the October Membership Meeting on Sept. 30, 2008.

b. Pet Policy

A policy on pets has been in effect since 1980. The Provost objects to pets inside buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Wilson, APSCUF Secretary