

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF  
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

NOVEMBER 4, 2017  
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Prior to the business meeting, a small conference was held.

**PRESENT:** J. Mark Blackwell (FMU), President; T. Brian Bunton (CCU), Secretary; Ellen Arnold (CCU); David Bruzina (USC-A); Roger Deal (USC-A); Panayiotis Doutis (USC-C); Brandon Inabinet (FU); Evin Eaton (FMU); Simon Lewis (CofC); Philip Mason (USC-A); Alison McLetchie (Claflin); Pamela Rooks (FMU); Peter Saltzstein (HGTC); José Sanjinés (CCU); Renée Smith (CCU); Shawn Smolen-Morton (FMU); Marco Valtorta (USC-C); Amanda Warren (USC-A).

1. Harris Pastides, President of the University South Carolina, delivered the keynote address via telephone: "The State of Higher Education".
2. Attendees held discussions with the intent to develop a two-year plan of action. Topics discussed were:
  - a. Relationships of faculty with administrators
  - b. The definition of shared governance
  - c. Contingent faculty
  - d. Survey of campus structures and common practices
3. President Mark Blackwell reported about a case of a CCU professor who asked for state AAUP representation during a forfeiture of tenure hearing. Discussion extended to legal rights of faculty members as relating to faculty manuals and handbooks.
4. President Mark Blackwell reported his experiences from the Southeast Regional AAUP Conference Presidents Meeting on October 28, 2017. It was suggested to invite members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including Rep. James Clyburn, to the spring 2018 meeting. Mark will co-present as part of a panel discussion at the National AAUP meeting in summer 2018 on faculty protest and Confederate monuments.

The business meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Mark Blackwell, President.

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1. Minutes: Minutes are unavailable from the spring 2017 meeting. It was noted at that meeting that elections were held. Brandon Inabinet resigned as President and Ernest Wiggins was elected President, Mark Blackwell was elected Vice-President, and Brian Bunton was elected Secretary (replacing Ernest Wiggins). Roger Johansen continues as Treasurer. In the time

intervening, Ernest Wiggins resigned as President and Mark Blackwell assumed the position. The position of Vice-President remains vacant.

2. Budget report: Roger Johansen was absent at the meeting, so no budget report was presented. It was noted that the AAUP-SC leadership has received e-mails seeking to defraud the organization of funds in its account. It was recommended to report these attempts to the South Carolina Secretary of State. In other news, Mark Blackwell has applied for grants to cover state costs.
3. Unfinished business: It was noted that the conference decided at the spring 2017 meeting to reach out to USC-Upstate, and that there was no follow-up.
4. New business: Possibilities for the location of the Spring 2018 program were discussed. Possibilities include USC-Aiken, CCU, Furman.

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm, moved by Brian Bunton, seconded by Pamela Rooks.

**Respectfully submitted,**

T. Brian Bunton, Secretary