

Minutes – AAUP meeting 4/27/2011

There was an open meeting for all faculty to continue discussion with Provost Ed Kvet concerning lifting of censure from the university administration. Questions focused on the remarks made by President Wildes to the University Senate on April 14, and the provost answered them honestly and directly.

After the provost left, the faculty discussed the senate report and conversations that Lynn Koplitz and Connie Rodriguez had previously had with Jordan Kurland about the report submitted by Prof. Sherman, specifically the paragraph relating to his meeting with the AAUP chapter, and senate report. Both Lynn and Connie said they had the sense that the AAUP will vote to remove censure at the meeting in June 2011. The decision was based on three documents: 1) Wildes' letter concerning his remarks at the 14 April Senate meeting; 2) the report from Prof. Sherman, and 3) the senate report approved at their 14 April meeting. There was a very strong opinion that the Senate report had not been intended as a positive vote for lifting censure, but rather had been intended as a progress report, reflecting that there were still some outstanding, unresolved issues.

The chapter decided it was necessary to hold one additional AAUP meeting on removing the censure and set the date of May 13 at 9 am so that the membership could vote.

The subcommittee met briefly on Thursday, April 28, and decided that all faculty should have the opportunity to vote on the censure. As the subcommittee sees it, there are three possible routes: 1) a vote in favor of removing censure; 2) a vote in favor of upholding censure; and 3) a vote in favor of provisionally removing censure to give the opportunity for outstanding issues, as expressed in both the senate report and AAUP minutes of March 21, to be addressed. (The hope being that the censure could be lifted at the June 2012 AAUP meeting.)

The chapter president reported the above to the HuNS college assembly and University Senate. She has already begun distributing information to the faculty throughout the university.