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Election of Chapter Officers

Call for Nominations/Willingness to Serve

The AAUP's purpose is "to facilitate a more effective cooperation among teachers and research scholars in universities and colleges ... for the promotion of the interests of higher education and research, and in general to increase the usefulness and advance the standards, ideals, and welfare of the profession," as stated in its constitution.

According to one chapter, "since 1915, the AAUP has provided faculty and administrators with guidelines on how to function ethically and effectively in areas ranging from academic freedom and tenure to professional ethics and student rights and freedoms."

The bylaws of WCSU-AAUP state that the objective of our organization is to represent the professional and economic interests of the Western Connecticut State University faculty, follow and implement the policies and standards adopted by the CSU-AAUP wherever possible and appropriate, and provide fair and adequate representation through collective bargaining and grievance procedures to all members.

Everyone who takes a leadership role in AAUP cares deeply about the university and academia. We are committed to making WCSU a better place for faculty and students. We work to maintain healthy relationships with University Management and University Senate.

The Nominations and Elections Committee announces the election for the following offices and issues this call for willingness to serve. All are two-year terms.

For more detailed information on these positions, please see our bylaws at <http://www.wcsu.edu/aaup/bylaws.asp>

PRESIDENT

Serves as the chief executive officer of the Chapter, assumes all administrative responsibility, presides at all meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Committee, with advice of the Executive Committee appoints all committees except the Executive Committee, delegates responsibility, serves on the CSU-AAUP Council*, represents the Chapter in person or through a delegate at state and national AAUP meetings, and performs such duties as prescribed by the bylaws of WCSU-AAUP.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Assumes the duties of the President in the absence of or at the request of the President. Performs such other functions in the interest of the Chapter as may be assigned by the President.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Takes minutes and maintains records of the business transacted at all meetings Manages the budget of the Chapter and prepares financial reports.

CONTRACT MANAGER

Interprets the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the membership and represents members and departments in contract matters. Serves on the CSU-AAUP Council*.

GRIEVANCE OFFICER

Upon the request of a bargaining unit grievant counsels, guides, assists, and/or accompanies the

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grievant through the grievance procedure as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

COUNCIL MEMBER

Represents this Chapter on the CSU-AAUP Council*, reports Council proceedings to the Executive Committee and to the membership, and brings appropriate Chapter recommendations and decisions to the Council meetings.

The CSU-AAUP Council sets policy, negotiation priorities, and oversees the contract at the state level. The Council also works with a state lobbyist who promotes continued excellence in higher education in Connecticut.

The runner-up in this election will serve as Council Member Alternate for 2008-2009.

*The Council usually meets on the 3rd Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the CCSU campus in New Britain. President, Contract Manager, and Council Members are expected to attend the Council meetings.

You may nominate yourself or any other WCSU – AAUP member. You may nominate as many people as you like (please copy the form below if necessary).

Nominations must be received in the AAUP office, Higgins Hall 115A, by April 15, 2008. ❖

The members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Daryle Brown (Chair) (Nursing), James Munz (Philosophy) and Brian Stevens (Library). We anticipate that the elections will be held by electronic balloting. In order to vote, you will need your employee ID number which can be found on your paycheck stub.

Each elected Chapter Officer and Council Member who attends national or state AAUP meetings shall represent the organization at such meetings.

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Western Connecticut State University**

President – Vijay Nair, Library ('06-'08)
Vice President – Michele Ganon, Accounting ('06-'08)
Secretary/Treasurer – Oluwole Owoye, Social Sciences ('06-'08)
Contract Manager – Russell Gladstone, Library ('06-'08)
Grievance Officer – Patricia O'Neill, Psychology ('06-'08)
Academic Freedom Officer – Steven Ward, Social Sciences
Council Member – Cigdem Usekes ('06-'08)
Council Member – Daryle Brown, Nursing ('07-'09)
Council Member – Patricia O'Neill, Psychology ('07-'09)
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To ensure that your nominations are received, you may send an e-mail confirmation to browndl@wcsu.edu Please indicate on the subject field "Nomination for WCSU-AAUP election."

Nomination for WCSU – AAUP Officer

Name of Nominee: _____

Position: President Vice President Secretary-Treasurer

Contract Manager Grievance Officer Council Member

Department of Nominee: _____

Signature of Nominee: (indicating willingness to serve) _____

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Return to WCSU-AAUP, Higgins Hall 115A, Midtown Campus, so that it is received no later than April 15, 2008

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