AAUP Chapter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Meeting of Friday, October 06, 2006

Attending: Elyse Crystall, Sherryl Kleinman, Andy Perrin, Connie Eble, Frank Dominguez, Ed Halloran, Altha Cravey, Don Nonini, Susan Bickford, Carl Ernst, Michele Hoyman. Guests: Glenn Howze, National AAUP Board, and Jerry Pubantz, Vice-President, AAUP State Chapter for North Carolina

The first meeting of the revitalized AAUP chapter at UNC-CH was convened by Altha Cravey at 3 p.m. She asked Glenn Howze and Jerry Pubantz to provide a perspective on the revitalization of the local AAUP chapter. Jerry also mentioned some of the resources available to the local Chapter from the North Carolina State AAUP Chapter. Ed also spoke of the past of the Chapter before it became inactive in the late 1990s.

Discussion followed about the three focal issues of faculty governance, due process, and academic freedom, around which AAUP at the national and local levels have defined their mission. There was extensive concern expressed particularly about the issue of faculty governance in its current weak state at Chapel Hill. Other matters that came up for discussion were the need to establish solidarity with other employee organizations on campus, the importance of supporting the new resolution calling for collective bargaining for state employees, and the need to recruit contingent faculty as well as junior tenure-track and tenured faculty to join the Chapter.

New officers of the Chapter were elected as follows:
President: Carl Ernst
Vice-President: Altha Cravey
Treasurer: Frank Dominguez
Secretary: Don Nonini

These officers’ terms of office begin immediately.

Carl as new President set out some of the next steps suggested by the National AAUP needed to reestablish the presence and status of the local Chapter at the University. These include:

• reviewing, and if necessary bringing the Chapter’s bylaws up to date: Ed will seek to find the bylaws of the Chapter from the 1990s
• creating a new web site for the Chapter: Carl and Don will work to do this, perhaps also seeking financial support from the North Carolina State AAUP Chapter for technical support if necessary
• planning for informing, and for later meeting with, University administration officials about the reactivation of the chapter
• scheduling Chapter meetings for the rest of the semester: the next meeting will be on November 3, 3-5 p.m., and the one after (tentative), on December 1 from 3-5 p.m.
• establishing action committees of the Chapter to work on the three major issues: of faculty governance, due process, and academic freedom.
The meeting ended at 5 p.m.

Don Nonini, Secretary