American Association of University Professors  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chapter  
Minutes for Annual Meeting  
3 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2019  
314A Illini Union

I. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Call to Order: Richard Laugesen called the meeting together at about 3 p.m. and welcomed those we were attending. He indicated that there would be a brief business meeting followed by our presentation.

B. Election of Officers for 2019-2020. The nominating committee (Robert Parker, John Prussing, and H. F. Williamson) nominated the following individuals to serve as officers during the 2019-2020 term: President: David O’Brien; Vice President: Richard Laugesen; Secretary and Treasurer: H. F. Williamson. No additional nominations were received. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve this slate.

C. President’s Report: Richard Laugesen noted that Harry Hilton was unable to attend. He referred the attendees to the report from Hilton that was part of the information provided for the meeting. He urged those interested in the organization to be sure to get the handouts providing information about the AAUP and on how to become a member. It will be even more important that the AAUP plays a strong future role in strengthening shared governance and academic freedom and tenure on this campus. We are currently reviewing shared governance issues on campus and the impacts of legislative attacks on tenure and course content across the country. Finally, our Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee provides counseling regarding individual promotion and tenure issues. We continue to meet with campus administrators and sponsored a successful Promotion and Tenure Workshop on March 26, 2019 in 314B Illini Union.

D. Recognition of Harry Hilton. H. F. Williamson presented on behalf of the Chapter’s Policy Committee a “Resolution of Appreciation for Harry H. Hilton” prepared by John Prussing. Attendees had a copy of the document which resolved: “That the UIUC Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, noting the many accomplishments of the Chapter under his leadership, hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Harry Hilton for his enduring commitment to the ideals of academic freedom and shared university governance, for his outstanding service to the AAUP and this Chapter, and especially for his dedication and unselfish leadership as President of the UIUC Chapter of AAUP from June 2012 through June 2019.” The resolution was passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION: FACULTY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT: DEVELOPING NEW POLICIES FOR PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

The panelists who presented and discussed with the attendees the actions being taken to prepare the report on this topic by the Faculty Sexual Misconduct Committee were

Moderator Bruce Rosenstock, Professor of Religion and member of the Committee
Robin B. Kar, Professor of Law; Chair of the Committee
Nicole Allen, Professor of Psychology; Member of the Committee

III. ADJOURNMENT.

Laugesen thanked the panelists for their excellent presentations and adjourned the meeting at about 4:30 p.m.