
Report of the Annual Meeting

From June 12 to 16, 2013, the AAUP hosted the Ninety-ninth Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Concurrent with the annual meeting was the AAUP Conference on the State of Higher Education, which included plenary addresses and presentations on current issues confronting the academic community.

Keynote speeches at the conference focused on technology and education. Kenneth C. Green of the Campus Computing Project spoke at the Friday luncheon about how new technology will continue to change higher education. The Saturday luncheon speaker was David M. Hughes of Rutgers University, who spoke specifically and in stark terms about Pearson, Inc., a large online education provider with which the Rutgers administration recently, and without serious consultation with the faculty, negotiated a partnership. Steven (Stacey) Harris, president of the Saint Louis University AAUP chapter, spoke at the Saturday annual banquet about his chapter's work in opposing new faculty personnel policies that would have eviscerated the university's tenure system.

Capitol Hill Day

On June 13, AAUP members visited Capitol Hill to discuss legislation affecting higher education with their senators and representatives. This year's discussions focused on three important areas: making student loans affordable and preventing a rise in interest rates, opposing political interference in research, and supporting appointments to the Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board. The day ended with a reception on Capitol Hill, where discussions continued between AAUP members and congressional staff.

Censure

The annual meeting voted to place National Louis University (Illinois) and Southern University, Baton Rouge, on the list of censured administrations. It also voted to remove St. Bonaventure University (New York) and Our Lady of Holy Cross College (Louisiana) from the censure list. The *Report of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2012–13*, included elsewhere in

this issue, contains Committee A's statements on these institutions regarding the imposition or removal of censure.

Constitutional Amendments

The annual meeting approved numerous amendments to the AAUP's constitution. The primary substantive change shifts the elections of Council members from the current annual cycle to a biennial one. The full text of the constitution as amended is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Iris Molotsky Award

The Iris Molotsky Award for Excellence in Coverage of Higher Education was shared by two winners this year, including, for the first time, an online-only newspaper.

The *Connecticut Mirror* and reporters Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, Mark Pazniokas, and Keith Phaneuf were recognized for their nine-part investigative series on a scandal involving questionable pay raises for nearly two dozen central office employees in Connecticut's newly reorganized higher education department. The two highest-ranking state higher education officials eventually resigned as a result of the investigation. Keith Phaneuf spoke after accepting the award at the Saturday luncheon.

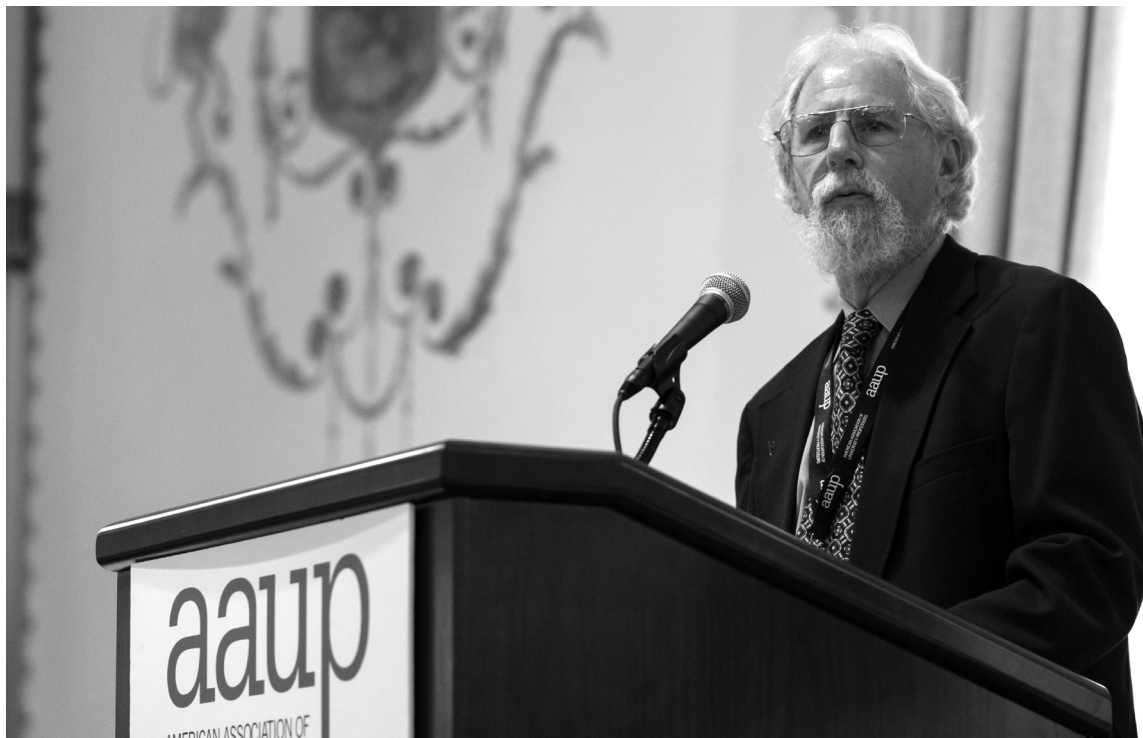
Janese Silvey, formerly a reporter for the *Columbia Daily Tribune* in Missouri, received the second Molotsky Award for her reporting on the closure (and eventual reopening) of the University of Missouri Press. Silvey's breaking-news coverage of the decision to close the press was credited with helping draw public attention to the press's situation, eventually leading to the university's decision to keep the press open.

More information about the winners and links to their articles are at <http://www.aaup.org/media-release/aaup-presents-award-excellence-coverage-higher-education>.

Beatrice G. Konheim Award

The Saint Louis University AAUP chapter received the Konheim Award for outstanding chapter activity by leading the fight against an administration plan that

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Larry Gerber, outgoing chair of the Committee on College and University Governance, addressed the annual meeting.

would have severely weakened SLU's tenure protections. The ensuing faculty opposition ultimately led to the resignation of the vice president for academic affairs, the president, and the chair of the board of trustees.

Marilyn Sternberg Award

Janet Golden of Rutgers University–Camden won this year's Sternberg Award for her work with the "Save Rutgers Camden" campaign. The award is given out by the AAUP-CBC for outstanding work by a collective bargaining chapter.

Assembly of State Conferences Awards

Hopper Travel Awards, given to individuals attending their first annual meeting to help cover travel expenses, went to Professors Jimmy Bell (Jackson State University), Linda Hand (Missouri Southern State University), and Gamal Weheba (Wichita State University).

This year's William S. Tacey Award, which recognizes outstanding service to a state conference over a number of years, was given to Elmer Hoyer for his work with the Kansas conference.

The Connecticut State University AAUP chapter won the Al Sumberg Award, which is given to an

individual or group to recognize excellent work in lobbying for higher education issues.

The winners of the awards for outstanding newsletters and websites were as follows:

- Outstanding Chapter Newsletter: Fairfield University (Connecticut)
- Outstanding Chapter Web Page: Merrimack College (Massachusetts)
- Outstanding Conference Newsletter: Georgia (Anne Richards, Georgia Southern University, editor)

Resolutions

The Ninety-ninth Annual Meeting approved three resolutions: one urging passage of the Bank on Students Loan Fairness Act introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Representative John Tierney, both Democrats from Massachusetts; one expressing support for faculty control of the curriculum at the City University of New York; and one endorsing faculty participation and sound decision making in the selection and retention of college and university leaders.

The Bank on Students Loan Fairness Act, as the first resolution states, "would not only prevent the student-loan interest rate from doubling to 6.8

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Steve London of PSC-CUNY spoke in support of the resolution on faculty control of the curriculum at the City University of New York.

percent on July 1, but also reduce the current rate from 3.4 percent to 0.75 percent—the same rate at which the federal government lends money to banks through the Federal Reserve discount window.” Noting that “the AAUP stands for accessible and affordable higher education,” the resolution concludes: “We are deeply troubled by the steady decline in public support for higher education, the increasing tuition burden placed on students, and the shift in financial aid from a grant-based to a loan-based system. Senator Warren’s proposed legislation could begin to reverse these destructive trends.”

The second resolution responds to CUNY Pathways, a curricular reform program that has met strong faculty opposition. Drafted by faculty members from PSC-CUNY, an AAUP-affiliated faculty union, it “calls upon the CUNY Board of Trustees to repeal the June 2011 resolution which established the Pathways curriculum, because it has failed to earn the

confidence of the faculty who must implement it” and “calls upon the CUNY chancellery and the CUNY Board of Trustees to reinstate shared governance at CUNY and respect the role of elected faculty leaders in formulating the curriculum.”

The third resolution, on selecting chief administrative officers, “deplores the apparent tendency of many governing boards to give little or no weight to faculty participation in these crucial matters” and commends the “Profile for a Twenty-First-Century President,” a document issued by the Association’s New York conference, as a template for the academic community to use when making decisions concerning the selection and retention of college and university leadership.

The full text of all three resolutions is available at <http://www.aaup.org/about/organization/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-resolutions/2013-annual-meeting-resolutions>. ■