

**MINUTES OF AAUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
2/20/08**

President Strange called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in UC 217. Present: Hood, McAlpin, Howes, Cook, Kurth.

1. Mary McAlpin was welcomed as the new secretary.
2. The minutes for the 1-31-08 meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's report from Tom Hood: we received \$205 from the National Office; our balance as of 2-20-08 is \$1,283.44.
4. The Committee agreed to cosponsor a talk by Rita Geier with the Association of Women Faculty, to be held on March 28th, 3:30 p.m. (details to follow).
5. Norma Cook suggested that copies of the latest Red Book (2006) be presented to the President and the Provost with a letter from President Strange. Tom Hood will order the books, and Laura Howes will check that the U.T. Library has an updated copy.

6. Agenda items:

a) Norma Cook raised the issue of the availability of previous and current copies of the Faculty Handbook and the Faculty Evaluation Manual on the Provost's website (these documents had previously been posted on the Chancellor's site). The Faculty Handbook is now available only in electronic format (it has been promised that a cd copy will be distributed to all faculty members). President Strange will draft a letter to the Provost, with a cc to Faculty Senate President Patterson, requesting that PDF copies of the Faculty Evaluation Manual, in the original version, the 2005 version, and the current 2006 version, be placed on the site, as well as a PDF link to the previous version of the Faculty Handbook.

b) Tom Hood raised the issue of faculty representation at the upcoming (2-23-08) Board of Trustees' meeting, at which the issue of joint appointments to the University of Tennessee faculty will be considered. It was decided that Tom Hood will write to Candace White, the current faculty representative to the Board of Trustees, to ask for a report on the Board's discussion of this matter. Susan Kurth suggested that we also ask the National AAUP Office to monitor this situation.

Meeting adjourned, 3:24

Respectfully submitted, Mary McAlpin