



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

2016 Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

9:30-9:45: Registration and Coffee

9:45-10:15

Plenary 1: OUR MOVEMENT'S WORK THE LAST 12 MONTHS

- **AAUP-Oregon Overview (5 min)**

José Padín, AAUP-Oregon President, PSU-AAUP President

- **Our Work Towards a New Model for Accountable and Transparent Boards of Trustee Relations with Faculty and Students (5 min)**

Rich Peppers, Board of Trustees Task Force Researcher, SEIU Assistant Executive Director emeritus, Higher Education Contract chief negotiator

Michael Dreiling, Board of Trustees Task Force co-chair, AAUP-Oregon Executive Committee Member, President, United Academics-UO

- **Our Legislative Action (5 min)**

Erna Gelles, AAUP-Oregon, Vice President for Political Action, Professor of Public Administration, PSU

- **Our Work Towards an Alternative University Budget (5 minutes)**

Bill Harbaugh, AAUP-Oregon Treasurer, United Academics-UO Treasurer, UO Faculty Senate President

Louisa Hooven, Oregon State University-AAUP, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, OSU

- **The Year at United Academics-University of Oregon (3 min)**

Michael Dreiling, President, United Academics of the University of Oregon

- **The Year at Portland State University-AAUP (3 min)**

José Padín, *President, PSU-AAUP*

- **The Year at Oregon State University-AAUP (3 min)**
Kathleen Stanley, *Vice President, OSU-AAUP*

10:15-10:45

MEMBER FOCUSED SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

1. Towards a New Model for Accountable and Transparent Boards of Trustee Relations with Faculty and Students
Moderator: Michael Dreiling
2. Towards an Alternative University Budget
Moderator: Bill Harbaugh
3. New Vistas and Goals for Legislative Action
Moderator: Erna Gelles

10:45-11:00

MEMBER SMALL GROUP REPORT BACKS

Facilitator: José Padín

11:15-11:45:

CONNECTING WITH THE GRASSROOTS: Chapter Organizing Reports & What Organizing Support Chapters Would like from AAUP-Oregon in the Year Ahead

- Portland State University-AAUP (5 min)
Kellie Gallagher, *Vice President for Organizing-elect, PSU-AAUP*
- United Academics-UO (5 min)
Chris Sinclair, *Chair, Communications, Organizing, Membership Committee, United Academics of the University of Oregon*
- Graduate Employee Union-PSU (5 minutes)
- New Advocacy Chapters at Private Universities (10 min)
Jacqueline Arante, *VP for Membership and Organizing, AAUP-OR*
Gaetano DeLeonibus, *Willamette University Chapter*

12-1 pm

Lunch and Plenary 2:

The Unions of Academic Workers as a Force for Racial Justice at the University (and Beyond)

Dr. Anthony Ratcliff, *California Faculty Association and Faculty, Department of Pan-African Studies, California State University-LA*

1:15-2:30

ACTION WORKGROUPS

1. How Students and Faculty Can Form a United Front for a Racially Just University

Facilitator: Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt, *Linfield College, English Faculty*

- **Portland State University:** Roberta Hunte (faculty, Black Studies), Alyssa Pagán (student activist)
- **Oregon State University:** Tony Vogt (faculty, Philosophy), Azeem Hussaini (student activist)
- **University of Oregon:** Daniel HoSang (faculty, Political Science)
- **Linfield College:** Sara Gomez (student activist) Sonia Ticas (faculty, Modern Languages)

Workshop description: We have invited students and faculty from all our member groups across the state to have a conversation. We will focus on three points:

- The bankruptcy of administrations' diversity efforts/the importance of faculty and students stepping up
- Report on current student-faculty activism at your university
- Brainstorm strategic goals and activities for a new statewide racial justice movement.

Our goals are to build connections across the state and come out with some proposals for our statewide organization's work on racial justice.

2. Running a Campaign Around Changing the Budget Narrative

Facilitator: Kari Koch, *Labor Communications Consultant*

- **United Academics-UO:** Bill Harbaugh
- **PSU-AAUP:** Gina Greco and David Hansen
- **OSU-AAUP:** Louisa Hooven

Workshop description: Our goal is to make a difference in establishing the priorities for budgeting and spending. How do we build support for our ideas inside and outside the university? We will look briefly at the analysis of university budgets provided by Howard Bunsis over the last few months and spend the bulk of our time working on how we communicate those priorities and win allies to a campaign to change the way university budgets are spent.

3. Introduction to Non-Violent Direct Action

Session leader: Diana Pei-Wu, *Executive Director, Portland Jobs with Justice*

Workshop description: Why are those people always causing trouble? This interactive, participatory workshop will introduce you to the theories and principles of direct action from a practitioner point of view. While we will not be doing a deep dive into the theory of nonviolent resistance, you will be introduced to theories and principles of direct action and campaigns through a plethora of examples. We will explore what is direct action, and how is it similar and different from civil disobedience. We draw from the broad history of social movements, including anti-colonial, indigenous sovereignty, labor, Civil Rights, student, LGBTQ, independent living, Movement for Black Lives, environmental activism, anti-racist, youth organizing, and many others. Whether or not you participate in direct actions, this will allow you to understand it better, talk about it, be inspired for positive change, and share that information with your colleagues and community.

2:45 to 3:15

CLOSING PLENARY: STRATEGY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Facilitator: Nancy Eichstadt, *incoming VP Communications & Public Relations, AAUP-Oregon*

Report backs from workshops and general discussion about strategic priorities.