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Present: Christopher Agnew, Maureen Anderson, Samuel Dorf, V. Denise James, Caroline Merithew, Leno Pedrotti, Andrea Wells
Absent: Debbie Archambeault, Philip Appiah-Kubi, Mary Fisher, Blake Watson, Catherine Zois

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher Agnew at 9 am.

Old Business

1. The minutes of the September 28 2018 meeting of the Faculty Board were approved.
2. Christopher Agnew welcomed Maureen Anderson as the Libraries Representative to the Faculty Board.
3. Letters and actions regarding the impending WSU faculty strike.
 - a) Motion to send email to President Spina and Provost Benson

The attending members of the Faculty Board discussed how to respond in support of the impending strike of the WSU faculty, which is scheduled to occur on January 22. A motion approving of the following course of action passed with unanimous support:

Chair Agnew would, on behalf of the Faculty Board, draft and send an email to President Spina and Provost Benson, declaring the support of the Faculty Board for the Wright State faculty who are demanding a fair contract. Corinne Daprano, President of the Academic Senate would be cc'd on this email. The letter of support from the faculty board listed as item 3.b) of these minutes would be attached to the email. In the body of the email Chair Agnew would include the following wording.

In light of the possibility of a Jan. 22 strike, the Faculty Board is requesting that the University of Dayton issue a public statement, following Sinclair Community College, that this institution will not assist Wright State University in the staffing of classes should a faculty walkout occur.

- b) The following will be the text of the letter attached to the email sent to President Spina and Provost Benson—subject to an updated signature list to reflect recent and pending changes in Faculty Board membership.

Dear President Spina and Members of the Board of Trustees:

The Faculty Board at the University of Dayton are the elected representatives of the members of our Faculty Association, which comprises all full-time faculty. We are writing to express our support for the faculty at Wright State University who are demanding a fair contract, and urge the WSU administration to negotiate in good faith to end this dispute.

The AAUP-WSU has been attempting to negotiate a fair contract since January 2017. We are concerned about the administration's attempt to undermine the basic job security provided to other faculty in Ohio and the nation. We are also concerned with the failure of the administration to compromise or participate in a fair collective bargaining process. The disputes at WSU will not only have a dire impact on students, but the campus and community at large will also suffer because they rely on the important role that the institution plays in the Miami Valley.

We stand with our colleagues at WSU in recognition of the importance of their mission to provide quality teaching, research, and service.

Signed,

Christopher Agnew, chair, History (Arts and Humanities Rep)
Philip Appiah-Kubi (Engineering Rep)
Debbie Archambeault, Accounting (Business School Rep)
Una Cadegan, History (At Large Rep)
Sam Dorf, Music (At Large Rep)
Mary Fisher (School of Education and Health Sciences Rep)
Maureen Anderson (Libraries Rep)
V. Denise James, Philosophy (At Large Rep)
Caroline Merithew, History (Arts and Humanities Rep)
Leno Pedrotti, secretary, Physics (Natural Sciences Rep)
Blake Watson (School of Law Rep)
Andrea Wells, Music (Full-time Non-tenure Track Rep)
Catherine Zois, Psychology (Social Sciences Rep)

- c) A discussion of the University of Dayton's response to the WSU faculty contract negotiation is on the agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, scheduled for Friday January 18. Sam Dorf and Chris Agnew

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

