MOAAUP annual meeting Feb. 28
Lincoln University, Jefferson City

**MOAAUP, MAFS, and MNEA: How can they help each other?**

by David K. Robinson

Since the fall of 2006 I have journeyed to Jefferson City to attend the semiannual meetings of Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. This group meets, usually in October and again in February, to give leaders of faculty senates from the 13 campuses of Missouri’s public four-year universities opportunity to compare their situations and, when possible, to combine their efforts. Usually during the February meeting, while the legislature is in session, there is time allotted to legislative visits (lobbying).

At the Monday-night dinner there is usually a guest speaker from Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE), the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), or the State House and/or Senate. The most frequent speaker recently has been David R. Russell, Commissioner of Higher Education (CBHE and MDHE). Around lunchtime on Tuesday, there are

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**Annual meeting, February 28**

All faculty of higher education are welcome. Feel free to bring colleagues who are not yet members of AAUP. See Annual meeting schedule on p. 3 of this newsletter.

**Registration Cost:** Full-time faculty $20 (includes lunch) Adjunct/retired faculty $5 (includes lunch)

The conference site, Lincoln University, 135 Founders Hall, is located at 816 Chestnut St. (building 9 on the map, p. 3). We will have coffee and breakfast snacks before the meeting.

Conference pre-registration is not necessary, but if you are coming, please email David Robinson (email below) by Feb. 23, so we know how many to expect. Join us any time between 9:00-9:45 a.m. for coffee, snacks, etc. Pay at the door: checks to “Missouri Conference AAUP”; or please have exact cash. We can provide receipts.

**The Google-map address:** 816 Chestnut St., Jefferson City

**Parking** should not be a problem on Saturdays, and campus parking is open on the weekends. (See dark-colored parking areas on the map on p. 3.)
$2000 Conference Development Grant from Assembly of State Conferences

A couple years ago, David Robinson served on the Membership Committee of the AAUP, chaired by Irene Mulvey. That committee produced a report and plan, accepted by AAUP in June 2014, for funding State Conferences and their activities: http://aaup.org/about/elected-leaders/assembly-state-conferences/funding-state-conferences. A new feature of the funding plan is the Conference Development Grant.

Last fall MOAAUP applied for the Conference Development Grant as well as the already-established Conference Grant (apparently consisting of per capita funding and a grant for legislative activity). Both applications were successful. Here is the essential text from the application form for the Conference Development Grant from the Assembly of State Conferences (ASC):

Conference Development Grants are intended to provide funds for individual projects that support campaigns in which the Association is engaged or further strategic goals of the Association. These grants are funded through the Conference Support and Development Fund administered by the Assembly of State Conferences. These grants are intended to support one-time and/or significant projects that a conference chooses to undertake. These funds are for special projects: it is not expected that every conference will apply for a grant every year.

MOAAUP’s 2014 application (for activities during the 2015 calendar year) requested money to support MOAAUP’s continued attendance at semi-annual meetings of Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS). The ASC officers decided, however, that this sort of thing should not be funded from this new grant program, but rather from the Conference Grant or other funds. On the other hand, the grant-decision letter gave a very enthusiastic endorsement to our request “to fund some officers/activists to visit and participate in chapter-building events throughout the state, including special programs for contingent faculty.” The following is the text of the application describing the plans, including those budget items that were funded:

In the past three or four years, MOAAUP officers have made many visits for chapter-building events, once by invitation from a faculty senate (a MAFS connection), otherwise by invitation of the local AAUP chapter or members. Our officers include AAUP veterans who are ready to speak formally and informally on a variety of topics: organizing, academic freedom and tenure, shared governance, grievance processes, etc. To this point, MOAAUP officers have seldom sought reimbursement from MOAAUP for these visits. (Robinson
MOAAUP Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 28, Lincoln University
135 Founders Hall
(816 Chestnut St., Jefferson City)

Tentative meeting schedule:
9:00-10:00  Coffee social
10:00-12:00  Business meeting
12:00-1:00  Lunch, lounge near meeting room
1:00-3:00  Panel on MAFS, MOAAUP, and MNEA

Agenda of the business meeting:
2. Officer reports: president, vp, secretary-treasurer, etc.
3. Election of delegates to AAUP national meeting; choosing members to attend Summer Institute
4. Establishment of Missouri Committee A
5. New business
6. 2015 David F. Gruber Leadership Development Award
7. Election of MOAAUP officers; passing of the gavel

Chapter delegates to state meeting: All chapters can designate up to two delegates to this meeting. Chapter delegates elect Missouri Conference delegates to the national meeting in Washington DC, June 10-14. Other questions are decided by vote of all AAUP members present and in good standing (i.e. dues paid).

State delegates to national meeting: Any AAUP member who
For the coming year, 2015, we want a budget for a new MOAAUP president and other state officers to visit campuses and chapters in several places around the state. For example, the Truman State University Chapter is already planning a winter/spring event (with Missouri Budget Project) in which MOAAUP should participate, an event that will be of general interest to all higher-education faculty in the northeast region (and maybe also neighboring states). MOAAUP wants to follow up on recent visits to St. Louis and Springfield, to help local chapters there host similar events. The chapter at St. Louis University (which is now providing state and national leaders) is currently developing outreach programs to contingent faculty in St. Louis area colleges and universities. MOAAUP wants to be in a position to provide funding for at least two meetings or workshops in this locally organized effort. If we receive sufficient funding through the Conference Development Grant, these plans will grow in scope, perhaps even to include invitations to national leaders (something we have not been able to afford for five years or so). If such funding is not forthcoming, the pattern heretofore will continue: one (maybe two) MOAAUP officers will show up at a local gathering.

Since these events are in the formative stages, we cannot offer more than rough budget estimates at this time. We have a tradition of charging attendants a registration fee at annual meetings and some other events, and this shares the expense with members and local chapters.

Budget for chapter building, assuming 4 events:

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<td>MOAAUP subsidy for 4 events (@$200)</td>
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<td>Reimbursement for lodging</td>
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<td>One MOAAUP officer, one night, 4 times</td>
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Annual Total: chapter building $ 2000.00

Looking to the future. In October, 2015, when MOAAUP applies for the Conference Development Grant for 2016, we will be asked to “attach summary of results of most recent funded Conference Development Grant.” We will need to give an account of how the money budgeted above was spent in 2015, how many people attended, etc. We have made a strong start with this new ASC grant program. Let’s see what good results it can bring for MOAAUP!
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