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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CHAPTER
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DATE: April 9, 2018
TO: Policy Committee
FROM: Harry Hilton, UIUC AAUP Chapter President
RE: President's Monthly Report to Policy Committee (3/12/18 – 4/9/18)

1 – Statute revisions: The revisions have been approved by the three senates and the Senates Council. They were transmitted to the president on December 5, 2016. President Killeen and Executive VP Wilson indicated that they are actively pursuing the various details necessary for a major revision effort. Next BoT meetings are on:

May 17, 2018	Springfield
July 18-19, 2018	Urbana
Sep 27, 2018	Urbana
Nov 15, 2018	Chicago
Jan 17, 2019	Chicago
Mar 14, 2019	Urbana
May 16, 2019	Springfield
July 24-25, 2019	Chicago

I have been assured of notification prior of transmittal to BoT of the president's recommendations. Nothing has yet been transmitted. Barbara Wilson has indicated that a general "clean up" of the statute language is in progress.

2 – PC meetings with administrators: The meeting with Chancellor Jones and PC members is scheduled for *11 am, Monday, April 23 in 217 IU at 11 am.*

– **Legislative attacks on tenure, course content, free speech and science:** Bob Parker continues to track and monitor news items on these important subjects. The topic for our May 8, 2018 workshop in conjunction with the annual membership meeting is "The War Against Universities, Academic freedom and science." Panelists are Rochelle Gutierrez and Donald Wuebbles., with Bob Parker as moderator. The annual meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, 314 B Illini Union.* The poster is attached. *Please circulate widely to your colleagues.* Thanks.

4 – Shared governance questionnaire: Hadi Esfahani has prepared an evaluation report of the of the answered questionnaires and he will brief the PC. A similar questionnaire will be sent next to the UIUC tenure track and tenured faculty through the provost office. We may wish to consider this topic and responses for a special meeting.

5 – The Jay Rosenstein matter: Jay has asked for the chapter's help and I have asked John Prussing, chair of our AF&T committee, to investigate. The national office has been active and has sent several email letters to Chancellor Jones raising procedural questions. from the national office have surfaced

6 – Meeting with Chancellor and Provost: David O'Brien, John Prussing and I met with Jones and Cangellaris on 3/29/18 for 52 min to discuss (a) suspension procedures, (b) part time faculty advisor in chancellor's office and (c) clarification of a reference to "faculty governance" in negotiations with graduate students. Prior to his retirement, Ken Anderson held that faculty position, but he has not been replaced since Phyllis Wise's tenure. The meeting was cordial, fruitful and informative. We made our AAUP position clear on these important items. I will follow up with an email to our administrators in 2 to 3 weeks so see what may have taken place in the intervening time.