

WMU-AAUP President's Report  
Cathryn Bailey

April 9, 2021 – May 14, 2021

- planned and facilitated two Officer's Meetings, two Executive Committee meetings and one all-Chapter meeting
- helped develop an email poll to the Chapter as directed by a motion passed at the Chapter meeting
- composed an email to the Chapter about the Chapter poll on pandemic safety and an email update to the Chapter
- responded to and directed numerous member questions and concerns by phone, Zoom, email, and in person about, e.g., negotiations, pandemic safety, working conditions, and more
- followed up on multiple Chapter concerns with relevant WMU offices/officials, e.g., about the "residency requirement," WMU's controversial creation of a half-faculty/half-administrator position, pandemic safety, and shared governance issues
- worked on making posters and finalizing a plan for effective outreach during negotiations
- responded to member outreach issues and queries, i.e., strategizing and following up on member dues cards
- remained in contact with the heads of other employee groups about issues of shared concern, including a meeting with TAU and PIO leadership
- attended a faculty senate meeting and sent out updates related to it to relevant colleagues and other employee groups
- attended a Board of Trustees meeting and followed up with relevant colleagues and campus leaders about issues presented
- attended five negotiation team meetings; remained in close contact with the team about various issues
- remained available and prepared on a day-to-day basis to address ongoing questions/issues as well as newly arising ones, e.g., the Faculty Senate's surprise inclusion of a collective bargaining issue on its agenda
- collaborated with office staff colleagues to ensure that daily business is conducted as smoothly as possible