

Officers Report

Cathryn Bailey, WMU-AAUP President

Up to February 8, 2021

- planned and facilitated an officers meeting, Executive Committee meeting, an Association Committee Meeting, and a Chapter meeting
- met individually with the chief negotiator and have attended two negotiating team meetings in my capacity as an ex officio team member
- took over responsibility for the Chapter's Twitter account and have been making daily posts and multiple interactions
- met individually (two separate meetings) by Zoom with two prospective Chapter leaders
- composed an all-Chapter welcome-back email message to the faculty, also addressing the coup attempt
- met with AFSCME president and chief steward to discuss mutual concerns and goals
- met with PIO president and PIO organizer to discuss mutual concerns and goals
- met with TAU president and TAU organizer to discuss mutual concerns and goals
- met with the faculty senate president and Vice President to discuss mutual concerns and goals
- developed and shared meeting ground rules proposal
- composed an email news update that was sent to the full Chapter
- met with the Chapter attorney to discuss specific legal questions and issues
- met with a national AAUP representative to discuss specific concerns and strategies
- responded to and directed numerous member questions and concerns by phone, Zoom, and email, e.g., about workload, COVID-19 vaccinations, WMU hiring priorities, and more
- compiled and revised a comprehensive list of faculty concerns about the restructuring plan
- attended a KALM (Kalamazoo Area Labor Management) meeting to learn about specific labor issues and to build community alliances
- participated in member outreach activities, e.g., drafting new letters to encourage the submission of dues cards
- completed a full-length co-authored paper and submitted it to the AAUP's peer reviewed Journal of Academic Freedom