



Clarion APSCUF Newsletter



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Executive Committee: President – **Jamie Phillips**; Vice President – **Barry Sweet**; Secretary – **Sally Sentner**; Treasurer – **Sue Courson**; Delegates – **Jamie Phillips, Barry Sweet, Karen Bingham, Elizabeth MacDaniel, Deborah Ellermeier, Sylvia Stalker**; Alternate Delegates – **Greg Goodman, Mark Kilwein, Paul Klenowski, Melissa Kuntz, Annette Rosati**; Coaches Delegate – **Ron Righter**; Coaches Alternate – **Mike Brown**; Coaches State Rep – **Mike Brown**; Coaches State Rep Alternate – **Gie Parsons**; Venango Campus – **Bill Hallock**; CAP – **Jamie Phillips**; DRC – **Stephen Johnson**; Grievance – **Elizabeth MacDaniel**; Health & Welfare – **Janice Krueger**; Legislative – **Barry Sweet**; Membership – **Suzanne Boyden**; Negotiations – **Jamie Phillips**; Nominations & Elections – **Ellen Foster**; Gender Issues & Social Justice – **Deborah Ellermeier**; Public Affairs/Relations – **Mark Franchino**; Retirement SERS & TIAA-CREF – **Bob Balough**; Student Liaison – **Naomi Bell O’Neil**; Human Relations – **Sonja Heeter**; Rules & Bylaws – **Colleen McAleer**; Strike Chair – **Andy Lingwall**

The President’s Message... Welcoming a New President and Farewelling an Old Contract

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our returning faculty and coaches and to welcome our new faculty and coaches as well. The greatness of Clarion University has always resided in the faculty, coaches, administrators, and professional staff who work here and in the students who attend here. I look forward to continue working with all of all of you, in many venues, as we attempt to successfully transition Clarion University into and through another academic year.

Unfortunately, there are some aspects to this academic year that could become serious sources of stress for everyone at the University. After all, we are simultaneously transitioning in a new University President, while negotiating a new contract with the PASSHE. Let me try to quickly reduce your stress level regarding both:

We do have a new President, Dr. Karen Whitney, who took up the reigns of the University this past July. The stress from her appointment arises from the fact that she is not only a new president, but new to both Clarion University and to collective bargaining. That said, all indications so far are that she is precisely the kind of President that Clarion needs: smart, hard-working, competent and collegial. She has expressed a genuine interest in working with faculty and via due process. Dr. Whitney has created a feedback process called “Hitting the Ground Listening” and has provided faculty the following link to an opinion survey at <http://www.clarion.edu/184023/>.

I recommend that all faculty and coaches complete this survey in an honest and forthright fashion. One of the primary goals of APSCUF is achieving shared governance. One critical way to achieve shared governance is for faculty and coaches to put themselves in a position where their voices are heard by those who actively govern. So, when the President asks what you think, you need to tell her. I cannot guarantee that she will listen, but I am optimistic enough to believe she will, and I am wise enough to know that it is worth the effort regardless.

As for negotiations, this is the last year of our contract; the current CBA expires on June 30, 2011. An initial meeting with the PASSHE regarding faculty negotiations has already taken place and the composition of APSUF’s negotiation team will be officially determined at Legislative Assembly this September. Regarding both the team and the process, there are at least two things for Clarion faculty to celebrate: one of our own faculty, Dr. Elizabeth MacDaniel, has been selected to serve on the team of four negotiators; and, due to changes in the negotiation’s process, the fourteen Chapter Presidents will now be the ones to set the strategy for this team, and will now be the group that votes on both tentative agreements and strikes.

All of this puts Clarion faculty in a position to more strongly influence both the nature of any proposed contract and the Union’s disposition towards it. Once again, I recommend that you let your voice be heard. I have already solicited (and received) several suggestions regarding potential language changes to the CBA. If you have changes you would like to see made to some article of the CBA or if there is some new issue that you would like to see addressed in a new CBA, let me know. I will personally serve as a direct conduit from you to the Negotiations Team.

New presidents and new negotiations aside, though, always remember that my chief role as Chapter President is to directly advocate for faculty and coaches and to defend their rights. Always feel free to contact me about any matter that you feel requires attention or about which you are concerned. I will do my utmost to assist you and to ensure that Clarion University remains a great university for you.

Jamie Phillips
President, Clarion APSCUF



FALL 2010 MEETING DATES

(Please mark your calendars!)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

Tuesday, September 7
Tuesday, September 21
Tuesday, October 5
Tuesday, October 19 (250/252 Gemmell)
Tuesday, November 2
Tuesday, November 30
Tuesday, November 16
*(All meetings are held @ 3:30 pm
in Room B-8 Hart Chapel)*

DEPARTMENTAL REP COUNCIL (DRC)

Tuesday, September 14
Tuesday, October 12
Tuesday, November 9
Tuesday, December 7
*(All meetings are held @ 3:30 pm
in Room 202 Still Hall)*

MEET & DISCUSS

Friday, September 10 – Pre-Meet
Friday, September 17
Friday, October 8 – Pre-Meet
Friday, October 15
Friday, November 5 – Pre-Meet
Friday, November 12
Tuesday, November 23 @ 3:30 pm – Pre-Meet
Friday, December 3
(All meetings are held @ 2 pm)

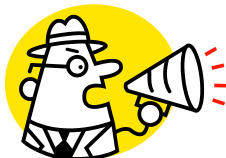
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2009-2010

*September 23 - 25, 2010 @
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg
*February 3 - 5, 2011
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg
*April 14 - 16, 2011
Four Points Sheraton, Greensburg

ATTENTION APSCUF MEMBERS: The APSCUF General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th @ 3:30 pm in 250/252 Gemmell Student Center.

Also on Tuesday, October 19th, Steve Hicks, State APSCUF President, will be visiting our campus @ 3:30 pm in Room 250/252 at the Gemmell Student Center. APSCUF members are invited to attend.

PLEASE MARK YOUR MEETING CALDENDARS AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND BOTH THESE MEETINGS.



ARE YOU SERVING AS THE CHAIR OF YOUR DEPARTMENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE OR ARE YOU BEING EVALUATED THIS SEMESTER? If so, have your questions answered at the **Faculty Evaluation Workshop** to be held on Friday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm in Hart Chapel Auditorium. Chapter President Jamie Phillips will review your responsibilities and answer all of your questions.

Congratulations to Tony Johns, new Chair of the Administrative Sciences Department. Kevin Roth will be serving as the Director of the Small Business Center.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Vincent Spina in Modern Languages (August 27th)
Ishmael Doku in Library Science (August 28th)
Woodrow Yeany, Finance/Small Business Center (September 25th)

Welcome New & Returning APSCUF Members!!

Karen Ervin - Library Science (off campus)

Alan Hough - Computer Information Sciences

Leah Chambers - English

Carrier Gardner - Library Science

Zachery Sheaffer - Athletics (Wrestling)

Christine Harancher - Allied Health

Wayne Anderson - Allied Health

APSCUF MEMBERSHIP - APSCUF Membership is open to **ALL** faculty and coaches: Tenure, Tenure-Track, Full-time Temporary, and Part-time Temporary. If you wish to join APSCUF and have not completed a membership card, please contact Jan Walters in the APSCUF office at # 2089 or e-mail her at jwalters@clarion.edu to request the membership card.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following faculty who have been granted promotions effective the Fall Semester 2010!

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TO PROFESSOR:

Yasser Ayad - AGES

Susan Courson - Education

Tony Johns - Administrative Science

Todd Pfannestiel - History

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Mark Franchino - Art

Greg Goodman - Education

Kathleen O'Donnell - Modern Languages

Martha Robinson - History

INSTRUCTOR TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:

Jennifer May

TENURE GRANTED

Congratulations to the following faculty who have been granted tenured effective the Fall Semester 2010!

Mark Franchino - Art

Marcie Fyock - Student Affairs

Greg Goodman - Education

Stephen Johnson - Music

Miguel Olivas-Lujan - Administrative Science

Adam Roberts - Mathematics

Martha Robinson - History

James Thornton - Student Affairs

SABBATICAL LEAVES

Best Wishes to the following faculty who have been granted sabbatical leave for the 2010-2011 Academic Year!

Robert Balough - Economics (Fall 2010)

Jerry Belloit - Finance

Karen Bolinger - Mathematics (Fall 2010)

Deborah Burghardt - Women & Gender Studies

Greg Clary - Special Education

Kaersten Colvin-Woodruff - Art

Corene Glotfelty - Library

Andrew Keth - Biology (Fall 2010)

Dana Madison - Mathematics

Basil Martin - Library (Fall 2010)

Richard Nicholls - Psychology

Thomas Oliver - Accountancy (Fall 2010)

Paul Ryberg - AGES (Spring 2011)

Soong Sohng - Economics



STAY TUNE....THE DATE FOR THE PROMOTION WORKSHOP FOR PROMOTION APPLICANTS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS, AND MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEES WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED!



Above: Is that Suzie Boyden (Biology) strong or what? Those muscles are left over from moving last summer from Pierce Science Center to the Science & Tech Center! Below: Karen Bingham (Academic Enrichment) in the background and CP Jamie Phillips (PSP) are Moov'n and Groov'n!!

THANK YOU! Clarion APSCUF would like to thank the following APSCUF members who volunteered to help with the "Moovers & Groovers" Freshman Move-in Day: Front L to R: Deborah Ellermeyer, Jamie Phillips, Elisabeth Donato, Joseph Croskey. Back L to R: Mark Franchino, Stephen Johnson, Jessica Modrzejewski, Suzanne Boyden, Sue Traynor, Mary Buchanan. Not pictured, Colleen McAleer and Karen Bingham. More photos of "Move-In Day" can be seen at www.apscuf.org/clarion and click on "photo gallery".



APSCUF is very active in the social media scene! Follow APSCUF on the web!



www.twitter.com/apscuf



"APSCUF Faculty and Coaches"
The NEW APSCUF Blog!
<http://apscuf.wordpress.com>

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(Closed during the lunch hour from 12-1 pm)



Are you receiving all your e-mails??? If not, your MAILBOX is probably "OVER QUOTA". Don't miss important information here at Clarion University and with APSCUF. Clean out your e-mail mailboxes today!

HAVE YOU MOVED??? If you have moved in the past year, please be sure to inform Jan in the APSCUF Office of your new address. Reporting your new address to Human Resources does not guarantee that we have received this information. Please contact the APSCUF Office today #2089 or e-mail Jan at jwalters@clarion.edu.



IMPORTANT WEBSITES: FOR QUICK REFERANCES, ADD THESE TO YOUR "FAVORITES"!!

- APSCUF – www.apscuf.org
- Clarion APSCUF webpage – www.apscuf.org/clarion
- PA Health & Welfare Fund – www.pafac.com
- PASSHE – www.passhe.edu
- Highmark BlueShield – www.highmarkblueshield.com