

Minutes of the AAUP General Chapter Meeting

Mercer Room

October 22, 2019

President Joel Feldman called the meeting to order at 11:45.

October 1, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes approved with amendment.

President Feldman introduced Adam McMahon.

Adam McMahon spoke “On Generating Union Solidarity.”

President Feldman raised a question--“What kind of institution do we want Rider to be?”--and asked individual tables to discuss the question.

Daria Cohen, Jane Rosenbaum, Josh Henry, Herb Gishlick, Libby Newman, Richard Zdan, and Evelyn McDowell summarized the discussions at their table.

President Feldman encouraged conversation to continue and invited members to the November 6th social event.

Chief Grievance Officer Report:

- Jeff Halpern addressed the provost’s letter claiming that criticism of the administration does not fall under academic freedom. He asked that any bargaining unit member threatened with administrative discipline come speak to him.
- He warned against departments violating the agreement on issues such as workload. He asked that bargaining unit members come speak to him if there is an issue in their department.
- He reported that the administration has begun to provide the union requested information on the Westminster transition.
- He stated that the union is in conversation with the administration about regaining summer fellowships for this upcoming summer.
- He encouraged faculty to use travel money, stating that all first conferences will be reimbursed and others will likely be at least partially reimbursed. There will be a second round of reimbursement after the fiscal year closes.
- In response to several questions about the Pearson contract, Jeff Halpern stated that the seven-week courses are now going through the APC. He emphasized the necessity of these programs being scrutinized by APCs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Harris, Recording Secretary