The September 2011 issue of the Western Union announced the election of our Chapter officers and called for nominations/willingness to serve. There were two nominations for three vacant positions. Article VI, Section 2 B of the WCSU-AAUP bylaws states, “When only one person is willing to serve in an office, the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall declare that person elected to that office.” [http://www.wcsu.edu/aaup/bylaws.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/aaup/bylaws.asp) Accordingly, it is my pleasure to declare that the following colleagues will serve as chapter officers for Western. (They will assume their respective offices immediately.)

Truman Keys (Communication) – Council Member
George F. Kain (JLA) – Alternate Council Member

-Russ Gladstone (Library), Chair, WCSU-AAUP Nominations and Elections Committee, Fall 2011.

(The members of the Nominations and Elections Committee were Russ Gladstone (Chair) (Library), Patricia O’Neill (Psychology), and Daryle Brown (Nursing).)

__Council Member__

Represents this Chapter on the CSU-AAUP Council*, reports Council proceedings to the Executive Committee and to the membership, and brings appropriate Chapter recommendations and decisions to the Council meetings.

The CSU-AAUP Council sets policy and negotiation priorities, and oversees the contract at the state level. The Council also works with a state lobbyist who promotes continued excellence in higher education in Connecticut.

*The Council usually meets on the 3rd Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the CCSU campus in New Britain. President, Contract Manager, and Council Members are expected to attend the Council meetings.

Each elected Chapter Officer and Council Member who attends national or state AAUP meetings shall represent the organization at such meetings.

__Meet and Greet with Dr. Gates__

On Friday, September 23rd, all nine members of the WCSU-AAUP council met with Dr. Jane McBride Gates, the new University Provost. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss XXXXXXX

__Chapter Meeting__

The first chapter meeting of the academic year was held on Wednesday, September 21st. Special guest, Dr. Jay Dee, Principal Investigator of the NERCHE team gave an interesting and informative presentation on the findings of the two year study, commissioned by the CSU-AAUP. Results of the exhaustive study are available at [www.wcsuaaup.org](http://www.wcsuaaup.org).

__Updated Information__

The Pamphlet, _Part-time Faculty, Rights and Benefits Under the University System_ has been updated and is available at the AAUP office in Higgins Hall, Rm. 115A or by emailing staff at aaupw@wcsu.edu.

*Remember: you are the union.*
Member Benefits

You must have filled out a membership form to take advantage of member benefits. Membership forms are available online at www.wcsuaaup.org.

Some timely benefit reminders:

Tires are available at a 10% discount at Town Fair Tire. The discount code is available to members by contacting the AAUP office on campus at 203-837-9235 or via email at aaupw@wcsu.edu.

A 25% discount for Wiley Books is available through your AAUP membership. Contact the AAUP office for details and the correct discount code.