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Just a reminder that the WCSU-AAUP has new chapter officers and council members going into September, 2012. A printer friendly list went out via email over the summer and officers are listed on the last page of every newsletter as well as on our website, www.wcsuaaup.org. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with your new chapter officers.

Welcome Back!

We have once again opted to host a table outside President Schmotter’s semester opening speech to be held on August 30, 3:30 pm in the Ives Concert Hall. Please stop by for a refreshingly ice cold bottle of water, meet your chapter leaders and pick up some literature about AAUP member benefits. You can also register to receive union benefits if you haven’t already.

Union Membership

As a new employee of WCSU, you were automatically designated as a member of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) bargaining unit. There are two aspects to this membership: membership in the local bargaining unit, and membership in the national organization. As a member of the WCSU-AAUP bargaining unit, dues will be deducted from each paycheck. If you wish to take advantage of the rights and privileges available to you through the national AAUP organization, you must fill out a membership form online at www.wcsuaaup.org/?page_id=137. There is no additional fee for these rights and privileges which include the right to vote in local and national elections, a subscription to Academe, and discounts for various products and services. In addition, we hope you will join us for our end of semester parties.

E-Newsletter

We have not been comfortable offering the Western Union as an electronic only publication but unless the issue deals with election material which will be both emailed and distributed in print, we will use email to dispense our newsletter. We urge you to use your campus email account for all university communications, and to make sure we have any alternative email address so that you will not miss out on important news. If you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please call Elise at 203-837-9235 to request one.

Campus-Community Connection

Due to faculty requests, we have decided to print and mail out copies of the Campus Community Connection to all faculty. Our first issue of the Campus-Community Connection was a hurried effort to let the new Board of Trustees know how important the university is to the local community. We very much wanted the key players to know that faculty, staff and students here go far beyond the basics of research and publication, and in fact, touch the lives of many members of our service area.

For our last publication, we solicited materials from Department Chairs only, however, when we next take on this project, we will reach out to the entire faculty.
**Research/Publication Solicitation**

In keeping with this new AAUP direction, we’d like to begin work on another publication. This will be a listing of research, publications, presentation etc. of all faculty at WCSU. We are requesting that faculty submit this information to aaupw@wcsu.edu at their earliest convenience. Please send us information regarding research, publications and presentations from the past year, September 2011 to 2012.

**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.

**Member Benefits**

You must fill out a membership form to take advantage of member benefits. Membership forms are available online at [www.wcsuaaup.org](http://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.

**Campus Safety/Campus Police News**

The Campus Police Department offers a faculty workshop called *Managing Aggressive Behavior*. The AAUP is planning to host this seminar in two 90 minute, brown bag sessions. Further details will follow; however, we hope you will sign up even if you can only attend one session. We will make every effort to deliver the program again if there is interest.

You can request copies of the Campus Police resource booklet called *Keeping Yourself and Your Classrooms Safe*, available now from the Campus Police. Please email Sgt. Montefusco at montefuscor@wcsu.edu for this and more information on the topic of safety.

A copy of the WCSU Community Response Checklist should be posted in every classroom at Western. Please take some time to learn the emergency procedures listed here. The campus police have additional copies for distribution should you desire one.

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