

**AURCO Program Board**  
**September 30, 2005**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bays, Smith, Weinstein, Obiekwe, Meehan, Turner, Johanyak

The chair asked that committee members review the minutes of the September 9, 2005, meeting and forward any corrections to him. He explained that he had contacted Maryellen Wiemer as a potential keynote speaker; she is the editor of *The Teaching Professor*, a noted author, and a faculty member of a Penn State branch campus. She had recently spoken at an ITL event on the Akron campus, and colleagues felt she might be a good speaker for AURCO. Wiemer noted she would be delighted to speak and that she would also be happy to conduct a workshop as part of the conference. Her fee is \$2,000 dollars, but she said she is aware of the financial constraints on conferences and that she would consider a counter offer. The group noted that many noted academics now charge \$1,500 a day, and they felt this should be the top amount the conference commits to this. The chair said he would speak with Dean Kristofco before finalizing any plans with Wiemer.

The chair offered a timeline for program board issues and noted that once this group agreed on specific dates within that timeline, the remainder of the conference committees could build their activities into it. The timeline will be posted on the conference web site for all to use, and the group decided on a number of key dates (see attached). There was a brief discussion regarding the AURCO business meeting and the need to finalize the theme prior to their meeting on campus in late October. The chair agreed to contact Martin Kich (longtime AURCO member) to make sure the AURCO Board would have no concerns about the theme. Publicity will be prepared to distribute at both that meeting and the upcoming OATYC conference on October 21, 2005.

The group discussed the Call for Papers and the opportunity to provide workshops in addition to the six concurrent categories arranged by AURCO each year. Obiekwe and Smith asked for input on a draft for the Call they brought to the meeting, and they will continue to work on that document before the next meeting of the program board.

Committee members then drafted a schedule for the day of the conference. Previous conferences had started much later and included presentations by college administrators; the group felt that sessions should begin earlier to prevent the conference from going well into the late afternoon. The group also discussed the merits and drawbacks of taking the conference off campus for lunch. The consensus of this group was that the conference should stay on the Wayne campus since the role of the conference is to showcase the college and that many attendees will not want to leave campus once they reach the conference.

The conference schedule is as follows.

Continental Breakfast & AURCO Board Meeting  
7:30-8:30

	Diversity	Teaching	Assessment	Initiatives	Partnership	Technology	Students	Repeat
8:30-9:30	Session 1							
9:45-10:45	Session 2							
11-12	Session 3							
12-12:30	Posters							
12:30-2	Lunch							
2-3:30	Workshops							