

**AAUP***Alumni Association University of Peradeniya*

Activities of Standing Committees Planned for 2020/2021

a. University Development - Chaired by Prof. Pradeepa Bandaranayake

1. Extending the Campus WiFi Network to the University Halls of Residence: Phase I – Akbar Nell Hall Complex

This project was planned after a preliminary survey on internet use carried out among undergraduates resident in Halls of residence of the University of Peradeniya. Since there is no internet access to students in any of the Halls of residence students are compelled to use their own data.

As a solution to their problem the AAUP is planning to provide free wifi facility to students under several phases. Phase 1 of the project includes Akbar Nell Hall. The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 7 million. This project was officially launched on 07th February 2020. The entire cost of the project is to be met by Alumni and well-wishers who have spread locally as well as globally.

2. Renovation of the Green Room of the Open-Air Theatre

This project was undertaken on a request made to the AAUP by the Vice Chancellor of the University. A team from the AAUP visited the Open-Air Theater and reported on the present situation of the Green Room.

According to the plan drawn, the Green Room is to be redesigned with two separate changing rooms, a lobby, a verandah and a roof with a concrete slab for a roof-top garden. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.12 million for a floor area of 2000 (ft²) at the rate of Rs. 6000.00 per ft². AAUP requests the alumni and well-wishers to help in this project.

b. Alumni Clubs and Re union – Chaired by Dr. V. Sivakumar, Vice President

1. Establishment of the Eastern Chapter of the AAUP

Preliminary preparations are under way to set up the Eastern Chapter of the AAUP. Pera Alumni in the Eastern Province are invited to join. Be a proud member of the AAUP!

2. Get together of AAUP Members with Faculty Alumni Associations

A Social Get together of AAUP members with members of Faculty Alumni Associations will be planned towards November 2020. There are now 5 Faculty Alumni Associations in the University.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen the link between the AAUP and the Faculty Alumni Associations.

c. Public Relations and Alumni Welfare – Chaired by Eng. Sarath Seneviratne, Immediate Past President

1. AAUP Member Welfare Fund

A proposal to establish a welfare fund for the benefit of AAUP members has been accepted and a fund has been initiated.

2. Thursday Forum

A presentation through webinar on Thursday Forum titled *“Food for Thought: The Impact of Diet and Nutrition on Human Development”* by Prof. Nishan Sudeera Kalupahana. (Human Nutrition and Consultant Nutritionist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya) will be held in August/September 2020.

3. AAUP Annual Excursion

Arrangements will be made for the annual trip when the country returns to normal.

d. Continuing Education and Extension Education – Chaired by Mrs. Lalitha Gunawardena, Vice President

1. English classes for the students of the Faculty of Arts who had received minimum marks at the General English examination is to commence once the University reopens for students.

2. English Program for Non-Academic Staff

A group of 20 members of the Administrative Staff will participate in this program which will commence soon.