

SPRING 2022 FACULTY MEETING

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY
PROFESSORS (AAUP)**

Auburn University Chapter



WHO WE ARE (about the AAUP)

- A nonprofit membership associate of faculty and other academic professionals.
- Headquartered in Washington, DC, the AAUP has members and chapters based at colleges and universities across the country.
- Since its founding in 1915, the AAUP has helped to shape American higher education by developing the standards and procedures that maintain quality in education and academic freedom in this country's colleges and universities.
- The AAUP defines fundamental professional values and standards for higher education, advance the rights of academics, particularly as those rights pertain to academic freedom and shared governance, and promote the interests of higher education teaching and research.
- AAUP chapters at campuses across the country work to advance the mission of the AAUP through advocacy, organizing and, in some cases, collective bargaining. In some states, state conferences support chapters and work on state level issues.



WHAT WE DO (MISSION)

The mission of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is to advance academic freedom and shared governance; to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education; to promote the economic security of faculty, academic professionals, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and all those engaged in teaching and research in higher education; to help the higher education community organize to make our goals a reality; and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good.



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- Meet twice a semester with the upper administration to advocate for faculty concerns related to our core principles.
- Hold regular chapter meetings to discuss concerns with the membership, vote on business matters.
- Host guest speakers to speak on topical matters.
- Issue public statements related to core principles.
- Advocate for the rights of individual faculty members through Committee A.



AAUP SUPPORTS ACADEMIC FREEDOM:

The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom . . . is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student in learning.

AAUP SUPPORTS SHARED GOVERNANCE:

The variety and complexity of the tasks performed by institutions of higher education produce an inescapable interdependence among governing board, administration, faculty, students, and others. The relationship calls for adequate communication among these components, and full opportunity for appropriate joint planning and effort. . . . Effective planning demands that the broadest possible exchange of information and opinion should be the rule for communication among the components of a college or university.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Matthew Hoch	Professor	Music
President-Elect	Luke Oeding	Associate Professor	Mathematics
Treasurer- Secretary	Tracy Witte	Professor	Psychological Sciences
Immediate Past President	Mitchell Brown	Professor	Political Science

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term: 2020–2022	Jim Witte	Professor	Aviation
Term: 2020–2022	Richard Seseck	Associate Professor	Industrial and Systems Engineer
Term: 2021–2023	Beth Davis-Sramek	Professor	Supply Chain Management
Term: 2021–2023	Merrilee Holland	Associate Professor	Radiology Service
Term: 2021–2023	David King	Professor	Geological Science



COMMITTEE A

Comprised of three tenured professors, Committee A advocates for faculty who believe their rights to academic freedom and due process have been infringed upon. Committee A receives complaints of departures from these core AAUP principles and, where appropriate, undertakes formal investigations. Such investigations may lead to a recommendation from the committee to the university administration, up to and including the president of the university.

HOWZE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AWARD

The Auburn University AAUP's Glenn Howze Academic Freedom Award is presented annually to a person who has demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism in his or her field of specialization and has also made significant contributions to advocating, protecting and extending academic freedom at the university.



HOW TO JOIN AAUP

Any college or university faculty member, whether full or part time, as well as any graduate student with teaching responsibilities is welcome to join the AAUP. Membership in the Auburn University chapter occurs when one joins AAUP at the national level:

<https://www.aaup.org/membership>

Rates are tiered based on annual salary.



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QUESTIONS?



PRESENTATION OF 2022 HOWZE AWARD

