



2019 Annual Meeting

Resolution 1 –

Support for Graduate Students and Part-Time Faculty

Whereas graduate students and part-time faculty fulfill teaching and other academic responsibilities for which they are compensated at a fraction of what full-time faculty earn;

Whereas Ohio statute does not recognize graduate students and part-time faculty as state employees, thus excluding them from the collective bargaining law;

Whereas graduate students and part-time faculty do not need enabling legislation to organize and collectively advocate for themselves;

Be it resolved that the Ohio Conference AAUP unequivocally encourages and supports organizing by graduate students and part-time faculty;

Be it further resolved that the Ohio Conference AAUP urges the General Assembly to amend the collective bargaining law to include graduate students and part-time faculty as state employees.

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Resolution 2 – Boards of Trustees

Whereas the Boards of Trustees at Ohio's public colleges and universities are charged with governing their respective institutions,

Whereas the Boards of Trustees have a fiduciary obligation not only to their institutions, but also to the taxpayers of Ohio,

Whereas the Governor appoints trustees with the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate, making them political positions, with little consideration for nominating individuals with experience managing nonprofit educational enterprises,

Whereas Boards of Trustees have overseen increasingly scarce resources siphoned away from the academic mission, the privatization of public assets, ballooning of student tuition, and, in some situations, gross administrative mismanagement that has caused public distrust and institutional embarrassment,

Be it resolved that the Ohio Conference AAUP urges the Governor to appoint -- and the Ohio Senate consent to -- boards of trustees with professional, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity;

Be it further resolved that the Ohio Conference AAUP urges the General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Higher Education to study and recommend alternative selection processes for trustees that rely less on political appointments.

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Resolution 3 – Defense of Quality Education

Whereas the core principles of the AAUP are academic freedom, shared governance, tenure, and economic security;

Whereas the aforementioned principles are critical to the integrity, functionality, and success of institutions of higher education;

Whereas these principles have been diminished at many Ohio institutions, leading to a loss of focus on the academic mission and quality education;

Be it resolved that the Ohio Conference AAUP encourages AAUP chapters, faculty senates, and administrations to work together to reaffirm these principles by engaging in substantive shared governance and committing to maintaining and increasing tenure-track and full-time positions, as well as tenure-like protections for non-tenure-eligible faculty.