## **AAUP**

American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

## Working for Faculty

Academic freedom is a value that faculty hold dear—not just because it enables their own intellectual inquiries, but also because it sets the ground rules for the whole enterprise of higher education.

The AAUP strengthens the voice of faculty seeking to protect academic freedom by:

- Taking a firm stand where the rights of faculty are overridden in the confusion and zeal surrounding our nation's efforts to combat terrorism.
- Helping faculty with the tough questions involved in dealing with requests for information about students that was once considered private.
- Opposing legislative interference in academic matters, such as the readings faculty assign to students.
- Articulating policies on research ethics, part-time and non-tenure-track appointments, academic work

and family responsibilities, and the faculty role in reform of intercollegiate athletics.

The AAUP offers practical tools and information by:

- Disseminating resources such as a survey instrument to help faculty assess and strengthen governance processes on their campuses.
- Collecting, analyzing, and publishing data on faculty compensation and benefits.
- Organizing training institutes at locations around the country in the fall, spring, and summer.
- Sponsoring conferences on important topics such as shared governance, academic freedom at religiously affiliated institutions, and distance education.

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