

University of Iowa
Chapter of the
American Association of University Professors

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is The University of Iowa Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Article II - Purposes

The Purposes of this Chapter are to:

1. Support the policies and goals of the Association as found in Article I of its national constitution: to facilitate a more effective cooperation of teachers and research scholars in universities and colleges, and in professional schools of similar grade, for the promotion of the interests of higher education and research, and in general to increase the usefulness and advance the standards, ideals, and welfare of the profession.
2. Defend academic freedom.
3. Encourage and facilitate faculty participation in governance.
4. Protect and advance the professional status and interests of all faculty.
5. Facilitate the dissemination of information on higher education principles and practices among members and nonmembers of the Association.
6. Convey the policies and views of the Association to administrators, governing boards, and local and state legislative bodies, and the general public.
7. Develop and provide appropriate Chapter programs for the accomplishment of the aforementioned purposes.

In furtherance of the purposes described above, but not in limitation thereof, the Chapter shall have power to conduct studies; to disseminate statistics and other information; to engage in various fund-raising activities; to conduct promotional activities, including advertising and publicity, in or by any suitable manner of media; to hold such property as is necessary to accomplish its purposes; and to employ individuals to represent the Chapter in lawsuits, negotiations, and for other purposes. This Chapter is organized and operated for the above stated purposes, and for other nonprofit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member.

Article III - Members

All members of the American Association of University Professors in good standing, who pay dues to the Chapter, shall be members of this Chapter.

Article IV - Officers and Organization

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers are elected for renewable terms of one year.

President. The duties of the President shall include carrying out the policies of the Chapter, appointing all committees of the Chapter, exercising a general supervision over the activities of the Chapter, and presiding at meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve in the President's stead. The President shall be a member *ex officio* of all committees. The President is responsible for calling regular meetings of the Executive Committee.

Vice President. The duties of the Vice President shall include those usually appertaining to the office and those delegated by the President.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep the roll of members of the chapter, receive the dues of the members, and keep an accurate record of all money received and of all disbursements, promote the establishment of dues deduction to facilitate the recruitment and retention of members, and make timely reports on chapter finances as directed by the President. The Treasurer shall preside at meetings and assume responsibility for the leadership of the Chapter in the absence or withdrawal of the President and Vice President. The office of Treasurer and membership chair may be combined.

Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall include keeping a record of all proceedings and correspondence of the Chapter, sending such notices as may be required, certifying Chapter delegates to the Annual Meeting, and maintaining official contact with the National Association, its officers and staff. The Secretary shall preside at the meetings and assume responsibility for the leadership of the Chapter in the absence or withdrawal of the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Vacancies

1. Resignation. When an officer has resigned or is disqualified, the office shall be filled by a special election of the Chapter. The Executive Committee is empowered to fill vacancies in any elective office until a special election is held. The person so elected shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.
2. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary of the Chapter.
3. Recall. All members of the Executive Committee are subject to recall.
 - A. A two-thirds (2/3) vote by the members at a regularly scheduled meeting, or a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the Chapter members, shall cause a recall election to be conducted within one (1) month.
 - B. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Chapter members casting ballots, the officer shall be recalled and shall vacate his or her seat on the Executive Committee.
4. Other conditions. Should circumstances arise where there is but one remaining officer, an Executive Committee shall be recruited from qualified faculty, and confirmed by the membership at the next regular meeting.

Article V - Committees

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Chapter, chairpersons of standing and *ad hoc* committees, the newsletter editor, and

any other member appointed by the President. Committee chairpersons and members are appointed by the President for renewable terms of one year. The Executive Committee shall act as the governing body of the Chapter. The majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall assume responsibility for the Chapter's continuing effective presence at the institution, keeping all positions on the Executive Committee filled as vacancies occur. The duties of the Executive Committee shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Meet regularly.
2. Respond to any faculty member seeking assistance.
3. Conduct the business of the Chapter between Chapter meetings.
4. Regularly recruit members and encourage maintenance of membership.
5. Make necessary appointments to complete the unexpired term of any officer.
6. Set the agenda for Chapter meetings.
7. Consult regularly with the administration on matters of mutual interest.
8. Respond to inquiries from the press.
9. Supervise the preparation and distribution of a newsletter to inform members and other faculty of recent activities of local and national interest.
10. Promote the establishment of a dues deduction plan to encourage membership recruitment and retention.
11. Prepare an annual budget.
12. Prepare an annual report for distribution to the membership.

Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of one or more candidates for each office to be filled. The names of all candidates shall be sent to members by the Secretary at least one month before the Chapter election meeting. Additional nominations of candidates for elective office may be submitted from the floor by any member of the Chapter. All candidates must either state or have stated their willingness to serve if elected. A majority of votes shall be required for election to any office.

Standing Committees. The Chapter may create standing and *ad hoc* committees, as they are deemed necessary to promote the welfare of the Chapter's program at the institution. The chairman and members of these committees shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. At all times there shall be a standing committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (Committee A).

Article VI - Meetings

The Chapter shall hold at least one regular meeting each academic year for the purpose of electing officers.

Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. Written notice of such meetings shall be provided each member by

the Secretary of the Chapter at least one week in advance of the date selected. The President shall call special meetings of the Chapter within a week when directed by the Executive Committee or by petition signed by ten percent of the members of the Chapter.

The quorum required for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Chapter shall consist of those members present.

Article VII - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership responding to a written ballot, provided that a written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or amendments, with reasons for any known objections thereto, shall have been sent to each member at least one month prior to the meeting. A petition of ten (10) percent of the Chapter membership may also initiate amendments.

Article VIII - Dues

Chapter dues shall be levied in an amount to be determined annually by the Executive Committee. Payment of current national AAUP dues and Chapter dues shall be a prerequisite for Chapter membership.

Article IX

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority for this Chapter in matters of parliamentary procedure.

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