

**NEWSLETTER**  
**University of Iowa chapter - AAUP**  
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**Lois Cox, Newsletter Editor**  
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The Executive Committee will hold its next meeting as part of the Annual Meeting (see below). The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 137 Schaeffer Hall. Members are always welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings. If you would like to become a member of the Executive Committee, please contact President Peter Hansen at peter-hansen@uiowa.edu

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The website of the University of Iowa Foundation poses the question, “Why does a state university need private support?” and the answer begins, “The University of Iowa is state-assisted rather than state-supported: 13.5 percent of the UI’s operating budget is provided by state appropriations...” This descriptor - “state assisted” - is also in the mission statement of the UI College of Public Health and in recent statements by interim president Gary Fethke.

I fear that this characterization is yet another step in the direction of privatizing our university.

Granted, only 13.9% of the university-wide FY 2006-07 budget is provided by state appropriations, but this budget includes the income of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics - as well as other income outside of our core educational mission. The 2006-07 state appropriation amounts to 45.5% of the General Education Fund, which includes salaries, utilities, the library, and student aid. (Tuition and fees account for 46.6% of this fund.)

We may no longer be “The State University of Iowa” in name, but we are, and must continue to be, “The University of Iowa” - a public university of the state of Iowa.

Peter Hansen

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE -- AAUP NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS

All members are cordially invited to attend a combined meeting of the UI chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), and the Iowa AAUP State Conference, on Saturday, 7 April 2007, at 1:00 pm in room 2229 of the Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences, just west of Old Capitol Mall. University of Illinois Professor of English, Cary Nelson, national AAUP president, will give the keynote lecture, "The End of Education: Globalization and Academic Freedom," at 1:15 pm, followed by a panel discussion and questions and comments from the audience. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Peter Hansen at 319-335-1313 or <peter-j-hansen@uiowa.edu>. Please pass along this invitation to all those who might be interested in attending.

The schedule for the afternoon is as follows:

1:15 pm - Cary Nelson keynote address: "THE END OF EDUCATION: GLOBALIZATION AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM"

2:00 pm - panel discussion - refreshments available.

The five panel members will be:

Cary Nelson (English, Univ. of Illinois), national AAUP president

Greg Scholtz (English, Wartburg College), chair, national AAUP Committee on College & University Governance

Lois Cox (Law, Univ. of Iowa), former UI ombudsperson, member of the state AAUP Committee A, and UI chapter vice-president

Sheldon Kurtz (Law, Univ. of Iowa), president of UI Faculty Senate

Peter Hansen (Chemistry, Univ. of Iowa), UI chapter president

3:00 pm - Iowa Conference business meeting

3:30 pm - UI chapter business meeting

We hope for a good turnout of Univ. of Iowa AAUP members. Please come and invite your colleagues to what should be an interesting afternoon.

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AAUP JOINS FACULTY SENATE AND OFFICE OF THE PROVOST TO PRESENT ANNUAL TENURE SYMPOSIUM

The University of Iowa chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Faculty Senate, and the Office of the Provost invite you to the annual Tenure Symposium to be held on Monday, April 9, 2007 in S401 Pappajohn Business Building. A panel of speakers will give advice on how to

be successful in obtaining tenure and will discuss applicable procedures.

Speakers include Associate Provost for Faculty Susan Johnson, Professor of Law David Baldus, former Chairperson of the English Department Brooks Landon, and University Ombudsperson Cynthia Joyce.

Informal conversation and refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the formal program will begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope that you will attend and invite other interested persons. Please direct questions to Lois Cox at lois-cox@uiowa.edu.

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### AAUP CO-SPONSORS LEGISLATIVE FORUM

On Saturday morning, April 28, the Iowa AAUP chapter will join with the local League of Women Voters chapter in sponsoring a forum featuring area members of the state legislature. The forum will be held from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. in Emma Harvat Hall, the City Council Chambers in Iowa City City Hall. Refreshments will be served. After representatives of the sponsoring organizations ask lead-off questions of the legislators, members of the public may ask questions or make comments. AAUP members are cordially invited to attend and bring other interested persons. Proceedings are televised on local public access television.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKES POSITION ON PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE TENURE CLOCK

As you may know, the university administration is currently considering a proposal to grant each college an option to extend the pretenure probationary period from the current six years up to eight years. Faculty Senate debated the issue at its March meeting, and may take a vote at its April meeting. AAUP member and professor emeritus Jim Andrews has prepared a paper raising concerns about the proposal, which the Executive Committee has adopted and presented to Faculty Senate. To view the paper, visit the chapter website by clicking on the "AAUP" link on the Faculty Senate homepage. Scroll down to item #1 under "Local Chapter" and click on "topics of current interest." Then, under "Current Projects and Issues of Importance," click on the words "position paper" in the first paragraph of item #5, "Extension of the Probationary Period for the College of Medicine." Despite the website's wording, this is a proposal that, if adopted, would apply to all colleges.

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## AAUP DUES REDUCTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

In recent years, national AAUP policy has been to welcome all new members by offering them a dues reduction. New members who are untenured pay only 50% of the announced rate during the first year of membership, and may qualify for up to an additional three years of reduced dues at the same rate. Others receive a dues reduction of 50% during the first year of membership. In an effort to retain new members and to attract more, the Iowa chapter has chosen to subsidize by 50% the dues of all new members, tenured and untenured, for a total of three years. If you or your colleagues may be eligible for this reduced rate, pursuant to either national AAUP policy or local chapter policy, please contact Treasurer Kathy Clark at [mary-clark@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-clark@uiowa.edu) <<mailto:mary-clark@uiowa.edu>>

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### COMMITTEE A

Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure exists to provide advice and assistance to members of the university community, both faculty and staff, who encounter procedural unfairness in connection with their employment. If you could benefit from Committee A's advice, or if you know someone who could, the person to contact is committee chairperson Ekhard Ziegler at [ekhard-ziegler@uiowa.edu](mailto:ekhard-ziegler@uiowa.edu) <blocked::<mailto:ekhard-ziegler@uiowa.edu>>

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If you know of colleagues who would like to join AAUP, membership information is available at our chapter's website through the AAUP link on the Faculty Senate webpage. Alternatively, you may reply to this e-mail and I will forward membership forms to you. Please consider becoming more active in AAUP work. And please encourage your colleagues to join us now. I hope to see you at one or more of our April events.

Enjoy the spring!

Lois Cox