

Revision of University of Kentucky Chapter of the AAUP Bylaws, March, 2006

Article I – Name:

The name of this organization is the University of Kentucky Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP or the Association).

Article II -- Purposes of this chapter are to:

1. Defend and promote academic freedom at the University of Kentucky and throughout academe;
2. Encourage faculty participation in governance at the University of Kentucky;
3. Protect and advance the professional status and interests of all faculty;
4. Support the policies and goals of the Association as set forth in Article 1 of the AAUP constitution, and in all matters act in harmony with the principles and procedures of national Association and its constitution;
5. Develop necessary and proper chapter programs for the accomplishment of the above.

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 advocate and represent the interests of academic freedom and the interests and wellbeing of all constituent segments of the university community; to engage in appropriate fundraising 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 further its purposes under Article II. This chapter is organized and operated for the above stated purposes, and for other nonprofit purposes. No part of its assets, income, or profits shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, any individual, except in consideration of services rendered.

Article III – Membership

Eligibility for membership in this chapter shall extend to all current and retired faculty members at the University of Kentucky who are national members of the American Association of University Professors. All chapter members, except for associate members, may vote in chapter matters and hold office.

Article IV – Officers and Organization

A. Officers and Duties

The officers of this organization shall be the president, vice president, recording secretary, and treasurer. The term of office shall be two years or until a successor is elected.

President: The president shall preside at meetings of the chapter and executive committee; appoint committees of the chapter, with the advice of the Executive committee; serve *ex officio* on all committees; and exercise general supervision over the policies and activities of the chapter.

Vice president: The vice president shall be president-elect; shall act in the absence of the president; shall represent the president on committees at the president's discretion and assist president in the affairs of the chapter.

Recording secretary: Shall keep minutes of chapter meetings and meetings of the executive committee and conduct the general correspondence of the chapter.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall collect dues, make disbursements, keep financial records, and perform any other duties appropriate to such an office.

Elections:

The president shall appoint a nominating committee on or before March 1 of each year, which committee shall present to the chapter nominations for officers and members of the executive committee as needed. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting. Chair of the nominating committee will distribute and collect secret ballots according to the procedure approved by the executive committee and report results to the chapter at the April meeting.

When an officer has resigned or is disqualified, the office shall be filled by a special election of the chapter, which shall be held as promptly as is feasible. 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 term.

Article V – Dues

The chapter has established chapter dues of \$5.00 per year for all regular members, payable Jan. 1.

Article VI – Committees

A. Executive Committee

The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the chapter, the immediate past president, and three members elected at large for staggered terms of 3 years. The majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business of the committee.

The executive committee shall meet at least once a month to fix the date and agenda for regular chapter meetings, shall authorize any disbursement of funds, receive the Treasurer's report, fill any vacancies in the executive committee or offices and direct the affairs of the chapter.

B. Other Committees

The chapter has created a standing Committee A. Academic Freedom and Tenure.

It may create standing and ad hoc committees, working groups or task forces as necessary to promote the purposes of the chapter. The chair and members of these committees shall be appointed by the executive committee.

Article VII – Meetings

The chapter shall hold at least 3 regular meetings each academic year: a Fall meeting, the March meeting for the report of the nominating committee, and the April meeting for election results.

Special meetings of the chapter may be called by the president or a majority of the executive committee or by written request of 10 members of the chapter to any member of the executive committee. Notice of all meetings shall be provided each member at least five days in advance of the meeting date. Members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the business of the meeting.

Article VIII – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the chapter, its assets shall be distributed to the State Chapter AAUP, or if none can receive them, then to the Association, a charitable and educational organization.

Article IX – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by vote of 2/3 of those present or by majority vote of the members according to a process agreed by the executive committee, provided that the amendment or amendments, have been proposed either at a previous meeting of the chapter, or in writing to the members at least thirty days before the vote. Notice of proposed amendments must be included in the announcement of the meeting at which a vote is to be taken. Any member of the chapter may initiate an amendment.

Article X – Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority for this chapter in matters of procedure not specified above.

This revision of the bylaws of the University of Kentucky Chapter of AAUP shall constitute renewed articles of organization of the chapter and replace its previous bylaws, including past amendments.

Enacted this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

Signatures (at least 2):

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