

CONSTITUTION
Connecticut State Conference
American Association of University Professors

ARTICLE I. Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be The Connecticut State Conference of the American Association of University Professors, Inc. (the Conference).

ARTICLE II. Purpose of Organization

The purpose of the organization shall be to facilitate cooperation among members of the academic community in Connecticut and to advance the principles and ideals of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

ARTICLE III. Membership

A member of the AAUP may become a member of the Conference upon payment of the established Conference dues provided that the primary institution at which the individual works is in Connecticut. A retired AAUP member may continue or initiate membership in the Conference upon payment of the established dues provided that the individual is not a member of another state conference of the AAUP.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

- A. There shall be a meeting of the Conference in the spring of every year, not less than two weeks prior to the annual meeting of the AAUP.
- B. Additional meetings shall be called by the Conference President when requested by a majority of the Executive Committee or by petition signed by thirty members from at least one-third of the chapters in Connecticut.
- C. Meetings shall be open to all members each of whom shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of members from one-half of the chapters in Connecticut or twenty-five members.

ARTICLE V. Officers

- A. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President and the office of the Vice-President shall become vacant. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a replacement from the elected members of the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term.
- C. The foregoing officers shall have the duties usually associated with their respective offices. In particular, the President shall preside at meetings of the Conference, of the Executive Committee, and of the Advisory Council, and be an *ex officio* member of all standing committees; the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the President's absence or temporary disability and be the chairperson of the Spring Meeting Committee, responsible for planning of that meeting; the Secretary shall oversee Conference correspondence and minutes of meetings; the Treasurer shall be responsible for Conference finances. All elected officers shall serve as voting delegates to meetings of the Assembly of State Conferences of the AAUP (ASC).

ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee and Advisory Council

- A. There shall be an Executive Committee comprising the following voting members: the elected officers, four elected at-large members, and the immediate past President. The Executive Director of the Conference shall be a non-voting member.
- B. There shall be an Advisory Council that advises the Executive Committee on the affairs of the Conference. The Advisory Council shall include the members of the Executive Committee and the chairpersons of each standing committee. The Emeritus Assembly of the Conference and each AAUP chapter in the state may designate a liaison to the Advisory Council. Any member of the AAUP national Council residing or employed in Connecticut shall be an *ex officio* member of the Advisory Council.
- C. The Executive Committee shall designate the time and place of the spring meeting, conduct the business of the Conference between meetings, and recommend any change in dues to the membership.
- D. In the event that an officer is unable to attend a meeting of the ASC, an alternate from the elected at-large members shall replace the officer at the meeting as a voting delegate.

ARTICLE VII. Elections

- A. Officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the members voting by secret ballot in an election conducted in the first four months of odd-numbered years. Election results for each office shall be determined by the largest number of votes received. At-large members shall be designated as alternate #1 - #4, based on the number of votes received.
- B. The term of office of all officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be two years, commencing June 1 of odd-numbered years. A member may not hold the office of President for more than two terms consecutively.
- C. There shall be a Nominating Committee, chaired by the immediate past President and consisting of two additional members appointed by the President no later than June 30 of even-numbered years. The Nominating Committee shall request the national AAUP office to issue a call for nominations to all members in the state by November 15, and shall take such other actions as feasible to solicit nominations. The Nominating Committee shall secure written verification that all nominees are willing to stand for election. The Nominating Committee shall send candidate names and credentials to the national AAUP office no later than February 1 to be included in the national election ballot.
- D. Instructions for voting by secret ballot are sent to all members by the national AAUP.

ARTICLE VIII. Dues

- A. Dues shall be established upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratification by the membership in a secret ballot. Any change shall become effective the following academic year.
- B. Dues may be paid individually or through a member's local chapter.

ARTICLE IX. Amendment

- A. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting by secret ballot, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the members at least one month preceding the meeting at which action is to be taken.

- B. Bylaws of this Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Conference by a majority vote of its members present and voting by secret ballot, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the members at least one month preceding the meeting at which action is to be taken.

As amended 6 May 2010

BYLAWS
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I. Activities

To fulfill its purpose the organization shall engage in activities such as:

- A. provide advice to members of the academic community on matters of shared governance and academic freedom;
- B. hold workshops and conferences on issues of pedagogy, academic freedom, curricular and professional development, and the role and organization of universities, as well as other issues that are of general interest to the academic community;
- C. distribute studies on issues affecting higher education including matters of governmental and legislative action, but not lobby for or support candidates for elective office; and
- D. communicate with the membership through newsletters and other means.

II. Committees

- A. There shall be the following standing committees of the Conference:

- Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure
- Committee on Community Colleges
- Committee on Governance
- Committee on Government Relations
- Committee on Membership
- Committee on Private Colleges
- Committee on Women in the Academic Profession
- Editorial Committee

- B. The chairpersons of committees, unless identified in the Constitution, shall be appointed by the President for annual terms commencing June 1. Members of said committees shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the chairpersons. The chair of the Committee on Community Colleges shall be a member of a community college faculty. The chair of the Committee on Private Colleges shall be a member of a private college faculty. The chair of the Editorial Committee shall be the editor of the conference newsletter, *Vanguard*.
- C. There shall be an Emeritus Assembly of the Conference composed of retired members.
- D. Additional committees may be established by the Executive Committee.

III. Executive Director

An Executive Director, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for the day to day administrative functions of the conference.

IV. Conduct of Meetings

Except as provided in the Constitution or in rules adopted pursuant to it, the meetings of the Conference shall be governed by the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

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