

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

BY-LAWS

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I. NAME: The name of the organization shall be the American Association of University Professors of Illinois.

II. PURPOSE: The Conference shall:

1. Represent statewide the interests and concerns of faculty members of public and private institutions of higher learning;
2. Provide opportunity to chapters for the communication of information and for joint discussion of common problems, consultation on important issues and action on matters of mutual concern and interest;
3. Formulate and seek the establishment of institutional policies regarding academic freedom and tenure and faculty employment conditions including, but not limited to, remuneration, promotion, and professional obligations;
4. Promote the policies of the American Association of University Professors, the establishment of additional chapters, and the growth of existing chapters;
5. Improve cooperation of chapters mutually and with the national organization and increase the effectiveness of chapters; and
6. Communicate state-wide concerns to the National AAUP.

III. MEMBERSHIP: All active members of the American Association of University Professors who reside in Illinois or are employed in Illinois, or both, are members of the Conference.

Membership status is determined by the latest available membership roster prepared by the national office.

IV. OFFICERS: The officers of the Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected for two year terms commencing on the first day of September after election, the President and Vice-President in even-numbered years, the Secretary and the Treasurer in odd-numbered years. In addition to their usual duties, the Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be members ex-officio of Committee F without vote.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and the most recent available Past President of the Conference. The editor of the Conference publications shall be a member ex officio without vote. Members of the Council of the American Association of University Professors from the district that includes Illinois shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the Committee. The Committee shall exercise ordinary executive responsibilities assigned to it by the State Council or by the membership.

VI. STATE COUNCIL: The State Council shall consist of the Executive Committee, elected members, and special members appointed by the President with the approval of the Council. There shall

be nine members elected by Conference members for three year staggered terms commencing on the first day of September after election. No more than one member may be elected from any one institution or in the case of an institution having more than one campus from any one campus of that institution. Chairs of standing committees are special members of the Council. All special members serve two year renewable terms.

The Council shall implement Conference policies as set at Conference membership meetings, review the work of the executive Committee, fill vacancies on the Executive Committee until the next Annual Meeting, and facilitate collective action by chapters on matters of professional concern. Meetings of the Council may be called by the Executive Committee or by petition. A quorum of the Council shall consist of a majority of the officers and elected members considered as a group.

By the nature of their position, members of the State Council are eligible to serve as delegates to the annual meeting of the American Association of University Professors, the annual meeting of the Assembly of State Conferences and the meetings of the Collective Bargaining Congress.

VII. MEETINGS: There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership of the Conference in each calendar year, preferably before April 1. Additional membership meetings may be called by the State Council. At these meetings Conference members shall set Conference policies, transact the business of the Conference, and review and ratify the actions of the Executive Committee and the State Council. A quorum shall be a majority of members registered in a list of those in attendance at the meeting maintained by the Secretary. Meetings will be conducted according to the By-Laws.

VIII. VOTING AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Each Conference member registered as attending a meeting is entitled to vote at that meeting on all questions. With respect to each question, upon request of one fifth of the registered members present and voting, individual voting shall be replaced by proportional voting. In such a vote, each chapter shall be entitled to one vote for each Active Member of the chapter. The votes to which a chapter is entitled shall be cast by its accredited delegate, its votes shall be equally divided among its delegates. Each registered member who is not a member of a chapter shall be entitled to one vote.

IX. ELECTIONS: If there is only one nomination for an elected position that nominee shall be deemed elected with the close of the Annual Meeting. Contested elections shall be by secret mail ballot. The Secretary shall prepare ballots containing the names of all nominees with relevant biographical data and a statement of the methods of nominations. Ballots shall be mailed to all Conference members at a time to be determined by the Council and announced at the Annual Meeting and the polls shall be closed one month after the mailing. The nominee receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected.

X. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall appoint subject to the approval of the State Council a Nominating Committee of five members, three of whom shall not be members of the State Council.

- XI. **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for elected positions as officers and as members of the State Council shall be made by the Nominating Committee which shall report its nominations to the Executive Committee. Those nominations shall be mailed to each Conference member at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made by petition signed by at least fifteen (15) members of the Conference, counting no more than five (5) from any one chapter. Nominations by petition must be received by the President at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be announced at the Annual Meeting.
- XII. **DUES:** Dues payable to the Conference shall be set according to the procedures required for integrated dues by the National AAUP.
- XIII. **COMMITTEES:** The Executive Committee may establish the following standing committees:
- A. Academic Freedom and Tenure
 - C. College and University Teaching and Research
 - F. Dues, Membership, Chapters and Credentials
 - N. Collective Bargaining
 - R. Relationship of Higher Education to State Government
 - T. College and University Governance
 - V. Two-Year Community Colleges
 - W. Status of Women in the Profession
 - Z. Economic Status and Faculty Welfare
- XIV. **STAFF:** The Conference may establish an office and employ a staff. Staff duties, salaries, contract conditions, selection, appointment, and reappointment shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- XV. **COMMISSIONS:** The Conference may establish membership commissions which jointly share in attaining specific purposes. Such commissions may consider and act on problems, issues and programs peculiar to chapters in a particular region of the State or to chapters at institutions of a particular type. Commissions may be formed by majority vote of Conference members at a membership meeting. All duly authorized Commissions may form and amend by-laws not inconsistent with these Conference by-laws subject to approval by the State Council.
- XVI. **AMENDMENTS:** Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Executive Committee, by the State Council, or by any member. The exact text of such amendments to be acted upon at a membership meeting shall be mailed to each member at least thirty (30) days before that meeting. Adoption of an amendment to the By-Laws requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Amendments adopted shall be effective immediately.