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Purpose and Function of University of Dayton AAUP Chapter

The purpose of the University of Dayton (UD) American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Chapter is to provide programs and information for UD faculty and to represent their interests to the University administration. The Chapter operates independently of the University administration. As an independent organization, the Chapter provides advice to the University administration on such matters as educational policy, allocation of resources within the University, improvements of the University learning and working environment, and fair treatment of faculty. The Chapter bases much of its advice on standards of sound academic practice developed and promulgated by the national AAUP organization. The national AAUP organization was founded in 1915, and it has become the largest and most influential United States organization that represents the interests of college and university faculty. AAUP standards are accepted by virtually all universities in the United States. Most AAUP standards are incorporated in the book, Policy Documents & Reports, commonly known as the Red Book. AAUP standards deal with such areas as protection of the academic freedom of faculty members to teach, conduct research, and pursue other professional responsibilities in accord with their own professional standards. In addition, AAUP standards stipulate the maximum length probationary appointments of faculty prior to the granting of tenure, and protection of the rights continued employment for tenured faculty. In accordance with these standards, the UD AAUP Chapter provides advice and counsel to UD faculty (both members of AAUP and nonmembers) concerning their rights and responsibilities as faculty members.

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