

Senate Colleagues,

The WKU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) would like the University Senate to co-sponsor an event during the second week of November.

Our AAUP chapter has invited faculty officers from the University of Cincinnati AAUP chapter to visit for a day. We are planning to hold an open forum. The Cincinnati faculty will talk about how their AAUP chapter and the faculty at their university are organized and how shared governance works at their university. An open discussion will follow.

The Senate is preparing to consider reorganizing our shared governance process. Learning about how governance and faculty organization works at another university will provide valuable perspective and be a good occasion to reflect on and discuss our own future.

For information, the AAUP is the only national professional organization devoted exclusively to representing the interests of all college and university faculty members. The mission of the AAUP is to advance academic freedom and shared governance, to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education, and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good. More here: www.aaup.org.

*Sincerely,
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