

MINNESOTA STATE A.A.U.P. CONFERENCE
Committee A Guidelines
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The Minnesota State Conference of the American Association of University Professors (A.A.U.P.) has established a state-level Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure. This committee is presently composed of the following members:

Chair: Wayne Wolsey (Macalester, Chemistry)
George Chu (Hamline, Music)
Paul Schons (University of St. Thomas, Modern and Classical Languages)

The function of this committee is twofold: educational and consultative—helping advise faculty at Minnesota colleges and universities as they might encounter difficulty on academic freedom and tenure issues. The state committee is a bridge between the local chapter and the national A.A.U.P. office on the above key issues.

Faculty who have concerns in these areas should first work with their local A.A.U.P. chapter officers and pursue all possible local appeals which may be described in their Faculty Handbooks.

The National A.A.U.P. Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure cannot handle all cases which are referred to the national office. Primarily, cases which contain egregious violations of academic freedom and tenure standards are those which are pursued via a National Committee A investigation team.

Faculty who have concerns which are not being addressed adequately locally should feel free to contact the State Committee A. We will not assume that the faculty member is always right or that we can always help those who have been mistreated. As necessary, we will seek the advice of the national A.A.U.P. office.

A.A.U.P. primarily defends policies and principles, not individuals. The State Committee A will provide information and interpretations on the A.A.U. P. Policy Documents and Reports, as contained in the "Redbook," and seek to find appropriate relative statements.

Faculty seeking assistance are strongly urged to keep a record of all correspondence and conversations on their case. It is advisable to write a summary of a conversation after each dialogue with Administrators, Department Chairs, and/or campus committees. The proper way to contact the State Committee A, is to send a communication to the Committee Chair, Wayne C. Wolsey:

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