*You can use or adapt the model language in this template to draft a resolution by your AAUP chapter for the development of a new intellectual property policy. Replace highlighted text in brackets with language appropriate for your institution and chapter. Substitute the logo in the header above with your own chapter logo.*

Resolution before the [AAUP chapter name]

[date]

Whereas it is the mission of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to advance academic freedom and shared governance; to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education; to promote the economic security of faculty members, academic professionals, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and all those engaged in teaching and research in higher education; to help the higher education community organize to make our goals a reality; and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good;

Whereas it is the purpose of the [college or university] AAUP chapter to further that mission, serve as a faculty voice to advocate for and defend the rights of faculty members associated with [college or university], and to support university policies that make quality teaching the first priority in every classroom;

Whereas many universities have intellectual property policies that can limit faculty control of instructional materials they have generated;

Whereas faculty should, as producers of their instructional content, control how it is deployed;

Whereas faculty sometimes sign instructional intellectual property agreements at the start of their positions without a full understanding of the extent to which they are giving up their rights to instructional materials and content (or faculty signed them at a time before this large-scale movement towards online education);

Whereas corporate-supported online programs are being developed at more and more public and private nonprofit colleges and universities;

Whereas within many online programs, faculty lose intellectual property rights over their original course materials; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*

1. That the [AAUP chapter] develop and advocate for a robust policy that fully protects faculty rights at [college, university, or university system] to their intellectual property, consistent with AAUP policy statements, to assure the highest quality of education for students.
2. That the [AAUP chapter] calls on [faculty governing bodies] to work with the chapter to develop and advocate for a robust policy protecting faculty rights to instructional intellectual property, consistent with AAUP policy statements.
3. That the [AAUP chapter] calls on other AAUP chapters in [the state or public university system] to pass similar resolutions to create better protections for faculty and students at every institution in [the state or system].