

District III (Michigan)

Mohey Mowafy, Human Nutrition,
Northern Michigan University

Candidate Biography

Mohey Mowafy, PhD, RD, CNS, CEDS

TITLE:

Distinguished Professor of Human Nutrition
Northern Michigan University
Department of Health, Physical Education,
and Recreation

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION:

- B.Sc. Cairo University, Egypt. 1964
- M.Sc. Ain-Shams University, Egypt. 1968
- Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison. 1974
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellow NIH, UW-Madison. 1974
- American Dietetic Association Registration. 1977
- American College of Nutrition Board Certification. 1992
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals, Specialist 1995

COMMITTEES:

1- Northern Michigan University

- NMU chapter of the AAUP, Vice President (second term)
- Educational Policies Committee. Past Chair
- Faculty Grant Committee. Past Secretary
- Committee On Internationalization. Co-chair

- Sigma Xi Scientific Society - NMU Chapter. Past President.
- Department Representative on the Bargaining Council
- NMU President Counsel
- Academic Senate Executive Committee (not at present)
- Admission and Academic Policies Committee (not at present)
- Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee (not at present)

2- Others

- AAUP-Collective Bargaining Congress Executive Committee.
- Advisory Board for the Higher Institute for Agriculture Co-Operation.
- International World Food Day Planning Committee.
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals. Certification Board.
- Marquette Interfaith Forum Board.

HONORS:

- Distinguished Faculty Award (NMU) 1985 and 2007.
- Rotary International: Paul Harris Fellow. 2006
- Rotary International: University Teachers and Ambassadors of Goodwill. 2002-2004
- Excellence in Teaching award (NMU) 1992, 1994, 1997

**PROFESSIONAL
INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Mowafy's principle interest is in the field of human nutrition with a special focus on obesity and eating disorders. He teaches a variety of nutrition courses ranging from introductory to advanced and from cultural to clinical nutrition. Because of Dr. Mowafy's keen interest, extensive reading, and personal experience as an Egyptian-born American Muslim, he is very frequently sought as a presenter and guest columnist on subjects relating to political and religious issues of war and peace in the Middle East. His research interest is focused on prevention and treatment of obesity and eating disorders especially in young populations.

Candidate Statement

Being a teacher at an institute of higher education is the only profession I had since graduating from college. Although on the surface, this may paint an image of someone who has limited experience, I humbly want to assure you that such an image would be grossly inaccurate.

I have experienced institutions when and where administration had an unbridled control over all aspects of my employment. When I began my career at NMU the institution was taking on the fight to unionize and to negotiate its very first contract. It was a baptism of fire never to be forgotten. My experience also included leaving the faculty to serve as a department head for a few years. Suffice it to say that I had seen both sides of the academic human drama. Even during my service as an administrator, I remained steadfastly devoted to the principles and tenets of the AAUP.

As a chapter member my involvement has consistently been vigorous and relentless. I have served on almost every committee which protects and polices academic freedom and shared governance. As my brief bio will show, I have been almost a steady fixture on our chapter's executive committee, currently serving my second term as the VP; selected to represent our chapter at our administrative counsel, served on and chaired our educational policies committee (EPC) which, according to our contract is the epicenter of our shared governance; selected to serve on the president counsel, and to co-chair our newly formed committee on internationalization. Additionally, I have been my department's senator and/or bargaining council representative, and was a member of the senate executive committee. I have also attended several AAUP summer training institutes. I was recently elected to serve on the Executive Committee of CBC. To put it mildly and hoping not sound "lofty", I have experience up the kazoo.

More important than my experience, perhaps, is my visceral and unflinching dedication to the AAUP and all that it does and stands for.

Again, I am deeply honored to be nominated and I humbly ask for your vote.

In solidarity,

Mohey Mowafy

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Joel Russell, Chemistry, Oakland University

Candidate Biography

After completing an A.B. degree in chemistry at Northwestern University, I obtained a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of California Berkeley. I advanced from Assistant to Professor at Oakland University after a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Minnesota. I have held visiting appointments at the Australian National University, Southampton University, the University of Michigan, and Valencia University. My research publications and presentations are in the areas of molecular spectroscopy, spectro-electrochemistry, and the development of visualization software for teaching/learning general chemistry. Between the second and third research fields I spent four years in academic administration organizing Oakland's School of Health Sciences and one year as Interim Graduate Dean. I have served on the Oakland University Senate for many years including three terms on its Steering Committee. I have served/chaired many of the most important Senate committees as well as two terms on the CAS promotions committee and four terms on the university promotions committee.

My AAUP experience began with service on four negotiating teams during the first decade of collective bargaining at Oakland. During this period I served on the chapter Executive Committee with one term as secretary and another as president. I later served as chief negotiator for one contract and last year again served as a negotiation team member. In 1999 and 2001 I was again elected chapter president. After serving as past-president I served three years as grievance officer before being elected in

2007 to a fourth term as president. From 2000 to present I have served on the Michigan Conference Executive Board—five years as vice president and for the past two years as president. I am currently completing a two year term on the CBC Executive Board and serve on the government relations committee and general secretary search committee.

Candidate Statement

The next three years will encompass a critical period of transition for the AAUP during which its ability to remain the dominant voice for the American professoriate will be severely tested. The decline in non-collective bargaining membership must be replaced by a substantial growth to maintain our credibility as the unifying professional association for higher education faculty. Faculty from community colleges through research universities should support collective bargaining as an honorable tool to protect with strength academic freedom, tenure, and shared governance in the face of the "corporatization" of American higher education.

Within the next year the national officers and council members will implement a new formal structure stressing the AAUP as a professional association but with enhanced capabilities to support those engaged in collective bargaining and enhanced ability to raise funds to support the profession. The need for the Council to move beyond past divisions and work together to strengthen all components is essential. The oversight role of the officers and Council will be even more critical as we not only reorganize but hire a new General Secretary. Those chapters and conferences with strengths in numbers, leadership and resources can assist

in developing both advocacy and new CB chapters as have my chapter and conference. Until far more faculty realize that the future of their profession cannot rest solely on disciplinary associations but needs a strong AAUP speaking for faculty in all disciplines, shared governance will continue to be eroded by administrative appointed task forces and outsourcing of faculty duties to the lowest paid term-contract instructors and at-will administrative professionals.

I am honored to have been nominated for a Council seat. Whether you elect Professor Mowafy or me, you will have three dedicated Michigan council members representing collective bargaining and advocacy chapters from small to very large. If elected I shall work diligently for the common good of the professoriate and to make the twenty-first century AAUP as significant as the twentieth century AAUP was in defining and defending our profession.