

Irene Mulvey, Mathematics, Fairfield University

Candidate Biography

I am a Professor of Mathematics at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. I have a Ph.D. in mathematics from Wesleyan University (1983) and my field is Dynamical Systems. I have been an AAUP member since 1989.

Selected governance activity at Fairfield University:

9/2009-8/2012: Secretary of the General Faculty; elected by the faculty
9/2006-8/2009: Secretary of the General Faculty; elected by the faculty
AY 2003-04: Presidential Search Committee, elected by the Academic Council
9/2003-8/2006: Secretary of the General Faculty, elected by the faculty
9/1999-8/2003: Faculty Salary Committee; chair 00-01 and 01-02
9/1997-8/1999: Academic Council; Executive Secretary both years
9/1995-8/1997: Academic Council; Chair 96-97
AY 1995-96: Task Force on Health Care Benefits

AAUP Involvement (chapter level):

Involved on Steering Committee since 1999 (sometimes formally, sometimes informally); Received *Colleague of the Year Award* 2005-06; Chapter Newsletter Editor 2007-08, 2008-09 (awarded ASC Outstanding Newsletter Award); 2009-10 (awarded ASC Outstanding Newsletter Award); 2010-11.

AAUP Involvement (state level):

Connecticut State Conference-AAUP Executive Committee 9/2007-present; CSC-AAUP Secretary 9/2007-6/2009; CSC-AAUP President 7/2009-6/2011.

AAUP Involvement (national level):

Council Member District IX 7/2008-6/2011; Council Executive Committee, at-large member 7/2010 – 6/2011; Committee on College and University Governance 7/2009-6/2012.

Selected AAUP Events:

- AAUP Shared Governance Conference and Workshops 11/2010, *Panelist: The Relation of AAUP Chapters to Senates*;
- AAUP Capitol Hill Day: Participated 2007; participated and organized CSC involvement 2008, 2009, 2010;
- AAUP Summer Institute 2010, *Copresenter of three-hour workshop "Practical Information for Building, Strengthening and Maintaining an Effective Advocacy Chapter"*.
- AAUP Summer Institute: 2009, 2008, 2007, 2000;
- Mid-Atlantic Conference on Leadership Skills, Villanova University 9/2010, *panelist*;
- ASC New and Emerging Leadership Training 2/2010;
- AAUP Workshop on Governance, New Haven, CT 1/2010, *Panelist: Unions and Faculty Governance: Problems and Possibilities*;
- ASC Fall leadership training 10/2007.

Candidate Statement

I believe wholeheartedly in the AAUP and everything it stands for, and this

appreciation only deepened as I got more involved with governance at my University and with the AAUP at the state and national level. I've spent many years in elected faculty leadership positions at Fairfield University - I served four years (two as chair) on our Faculty Salary Committee which meets with the administration to reach agreement on our annual compensation package, and I am in my third three-year term as Secretary of the General Faculty, the highest elected faculty office in our governance structure. I am currently President of the Connecticut State Conference-AAUP, having served on the Conference executive committee since 2007. I was appointed by AAUP President Cary Nelson to serve a term on the national Committee on College and University Governance. I am in the third year of my first three-year term on Council and so, eligible for reelection.

My first term on the Council has been extremely rewarding and this year I was elected by my fellow Council members to be one of four at-large members on the Council Executive Committee. I've learned a lot carrying out the work of the AAUP and I believe I have contributed in significant ways to this important work.

Looking forward, we need to continue to articulate AAUP principles in and outside the academy. We need to increase membership and work on educating and informing our members. We need active and engaged chapters and conferences – working on education, membership and upholding and/or implementing AAUP policies wherever possible. We need to respond to current issues in higher education with responsible and thoughtful statements. We need to continue on our sound financial footing with transparency and appropriate Council oversight of the budget. The work

of protecting academic freedom and protecting and promoting effective faculty governance must be carried on by conscientious and energetic faculty members. Academic freedom with all its attendant rights and responsibilities and effective shared governance must be ongoing concerns of the professoriate.