

## RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ADVOCACY DUES-SHARING STRATEGIES

*Submitted by the Membership Committee*

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**WHEREAS**, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is a membership-driven organization, and

**WHEREAS**, the AAUP's Membership Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the national Council and the biennial meeting regarding the Association's membership policies, level of dues, and categories of membership, and

**WHEREAS**, the Membership Committee also explores ways to increase membership, and

**WHEREAS**, the advocacy membership in the past year nearly doubled, shifting the overall ratio of advocacy to collective bargaining members, and

**WHEREAS**, this shift has also involved establishing new chapters and resuscitating dormant ones at a range of institutional types that often lack access to collective bargaining options and rights, including many large, research-intensive campuses, and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a Dues Sharing Program in AY 2024-2025 through the Organizing Every Campus initiative has incentivized (among other things) an advocacy organizing model designed to increase membership at recently-formed and resuscitated chapters, and

**WHEREAS**, this model has enabled solidarity-building across and within campuses, while also allowing advocacy chapters to build resources to fund local actions and events, to respond to rapidly unfolding federal and state developments, and

**WHEREAS**, this constructive change will need to adapt and to evolve, to support ongoing advocacy chapter development across a broad range of institutional types, to equip faculty with proactive organizing skills, to realize options for collective action to defend higher education as a force for the common good.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Membership Committee affirms advocacy dues sharing models and strategies should continue to be explored as the AAUP's affiliation with the AFT creates new opportunities for organizing the academic workforce.