

Brooks Ellwood Statement:

There is a crisis that exists for many faculty members at US colleges and universities, in part because AAUP is not united as one team. Currently there are 28 right-to-work states and thus faculty members in those states do not have a union that they can turn to. Therefore, Advocacy Chapters have to rely on each other and national AAUP for help when things go badly. At LSU we have had a number of cases where the help from AAUP brought these issues to a national audience for redress. If all faculty members work together to insure that faculty issues are addressed promptly and effectively, the faculty as a whole is strengthened, nationally and locally. We need to address the apathy that prevails on advocacy campuses because not all AAUP members have collective bargaining available to them. We need to put in place or strengthen local, regional and national faculty groups by bringing the power and national outreach of AAUP to bear on making ALL faculty members aware that they have a national support group, the AAUP, to which we can turn. Given that more and more states are under attack and more may lose their right to collective bargaining, as recently occurred in Wisconsin, then if we have broadly embraced and strengthened all AAUP chapters, especially those advocacy chapters that have good leadership, we are in a better position to confront injustice toward individual faculty members as well as faculties as a whole, a better case for shared governance.

Who am I? My adult life started as a mechanic, working for VW dealerships after which I opened my own shop. My plans changed when I was drafted and sent to Germany as a Cold War warrior. There my wife and I decided to take a new path. School funding came from the GI Bill, employment by the physical plants at the universities I attended, and RA money. As with many academics, we experienced years of struggle, working my way up through the ranks and balancing academic pursuits with family. Over the years I have taught both large undergraduate Gen Ed classes (>250), and smaller senior and graduate level classes while supervising graduate student theses and dissertations. I also served on the faculty senates at all three of the universities where I have served as a faculty member.

Throughout my years of service I have learned that it is important to support the main Mission of AAUP, by facilitating academic freedom and shared governance, and defining fundamental academic values and standards, as well as all their functions. To be effective we all need to work together – all chapters in all states working for/with all our faculty members – and in addition, where we can, include close interaction with our colleagues in the Faculty and Staff Senates, even if they choose not to join AAUP. If we coordinate our efforts, new members will help fund our mission and our increased numbers will have greater impact on all our campuses.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: BROOKS ELLWOOD

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION:

Ohio State University, Post-Doc, Geophysics, 1976-1977
University of Rhode Island, Geological Oceanography, MS, 1974; PhD, 1976
Florida State University, Geology, BS, 1970
Daytona Beach JC, AA, 1968

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE/RANK:

1999-- Professor, Department of Geology and Geophysics, LSU
2003-- Adjunct Professor, Department of Geography and Anthropology, LSU
1999-03 Chair, Department of Geology and Geophysics, LSU
1997-99 Professor, Sociology and Anthropology at UTA (joint appointment)
1989-92 Acting Chair, Department of Geology, UTA
1983-88 Associate/Full Professor, Department of Geology, UT Arlington (UTA)
1977-83 Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Georgia (UGA)

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY:

2017-- President, LSU Chapter AAUP
2016-- LSU Faculty Senate
2006-- Undergraduate Advisor, Geology, LSU
1977-- Operating and Maintaining a Paleomagnetism Laboratory
2012-14 President, Louisiana Conference AAUP
2003-04; 2010-11 President, LSU Chapter AAUP
2006-10 LSU Planning Review Council
1998-99 Chair, Faculty Senate, UTA
1986-94 Graduate Advisor, Math Sciences Ph.D. Program, UTA
1981-83 Faculty Senate, UGA

AWARDS AND HONORS:

2005-- Robey Clark Distinguished Professor in Geology, LSU
2010 VAST Medal; Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology
2007 Harrison Family Field Camp Distinguished Professor in Geology, LSU
1987 Distinguished Research Career Award, UTA
1981-82 Teacher of the Year, Geology, UGA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

1999-- Corresponding Member, International Union of Geological Sciences Commission on Devonian Stratigraphy
1999-13 Editorial Board, Journal of Natural Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam
2006-13 Associate Editor, Bulletin of Geosciences, Czech Geological Survey
2003-04 President Baton Rouge Geological Society
1999-03 Professor in Distance Education - National Parks Geology, UTA
1992-95 Co-Leader, International Geological Correlation Program (IGCP) 339, "Geomagnetic Equator", Vietnam – UNESCO funding
1990 Consultant - China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) Review; International Advisory Panel - National Academy of Sciences
1987-99 Director, Center for Geoarcheological Studies, UTA
1985 Exchange Scientist, National Academy of Sciences, Czechoslovakia Exchange Program

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS: >150

TEXTBOOKS: 1 textbook; revised as an Ebook in 2017