

Huey-li Li's Statement

I have been an active AAUP member since I joined the founding chapter at the University of Akron in 2003. I served as the Chapter's treasurer, the Co-chair of the Liaison Council, and Department Liaison. It is my firm belief that shared governance is the key to pursuing equity and excellence in higher education. In line with the AAUP's *Policy Documents and Reports*, I believe that the faculty has an ethical obligation to participate in the governance of the university. However, shared governance remains a contested and complicated concept. The implementation of shared governance also has become an increasingly more challenging task in the U.S. and beyond. In particular, as corporate models and trustee activism have gradually emerged as administrative norms, shared governance appears to lose its ethical and political grounding in higher education.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned obstacle to shared governance, I continue to make concerted efforts to promote and safeguard shared governance at the department and university levels. My recent involvement in grievance procedures concerning the erosion of shared governance especially induces me to examine the faculty's political stances toward their ethical ideals and the sustaining aspects of their work with shared governance. Academic freedom and shared governance are an indispensable corollary to the flourishing of socially responsive higher education. In defense of shared governance, it is essential to reclaim the faculty's ethical obligation to participate in shared governance. To this end, I sincerely request your vote for my nomination to serve on the AAUP Council, Region VI: Ohio Council Member.

Biography

I am a professor of educational philosophy at the University of Akron. Having been born and educated in Taiwan, my experience of authoritarian schooling compelled me to undertake critical examinations of the aims and methods of formal education. After pursuing graduate degrees and serving as a faculty member in two state-sponsored universities in the U.S., I have been keenly aware of the need to promote, implement, and safeguard shared governance for the pursuit of equity and excellence in higher education in the U.S. and beyond. I have been an active AAUP member since I joined the founding chapter at the University of Akron in 2003. I served as the Chapter's treasurer, the Co-chair of the Liaison Council, and Department Liaison. I am committed to socially responsive teaching, research, and service. More specifically, my teaching and service have been rooted in my research in the areas of critical pedagogy, environmental ethics, ecofeminism, postcolonial studies in education, and global civic and citizenship education.