

Irene Mulvey
Candidate for President of AFT Local 6741
Candidate Statement

AAUP Advocacy Local 6741 of the American Federation of Teachers brings together in one local all advocacy (i.e., non-CB) members of the AAUP. This AFT local was established as a result of the 2022 affiliation between the AAUP and the AFT, in large part, to enable the advocacy members of the AAUP to be able to participate in AFT meetings and conventions.

I am running for President of this local in order to ensure that AAUP advocacy members have their voices heard and their votes counted in the AFT. In my experience, AAUP advocacy members are some of our most dedicated and passionate members, and it is vitally important that someone who understands the issues of our advocacy members in the broader context of the higher education environment of 2024 brings the concerns of these faculty activists to the AFT. As President of the AAUP and a Vice-President of the AFT, I am involved in and deeply familiar with all aspects of both organizations. If elected, I will bring my knowledge of the issues facing AAUP advocacy members and AAUP advocacy chapters to the AFT, and ensure that this knowledge informs decisions made within the AFT.

Brief biography

Irene Mulvey is a mathematician and faculty activist. She has been active in the AAUP at the campus level since 1989, serving multiple terms as chapter president and multiple terms as chief negotiator on the Handbook Committee that negotiates the faculty contract. She has been active at the state and national level since 2007, serving as CT State Conference-AAUP President (two terms, term limited out) and Treasurer (multiple terms). At the national level, she has served multiple terms on the AAUP's governing Council, the Council's Executive Committee, Committee A on Academic Freedom & Tenure, Committee T on College and University Governance, Membership Committee, and the Committee on Organization of the Association. In June 2020, she was elected to the office of President of the AAUP on a platform that included a commitment to racial justice and a promise to take steps to address system and institutional racism in the AAUP and in the academy, and is proud of the AAUP's ongoing Racial Justice Initiative and the steps we have taken. She oversaw the successful affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers, that took effect on August 1, 2022.