Topics & AAUP Policies Frequently Incorporated Into Faculty Handbooks

Shared governance


Academic freedom


Academic due process


Recommended Institutional Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure (the RIRs): http://www.aaup.org/RIRs

Financial exigency

The Role of the Faculty in Conditions of Financial Exigency: http://www.aaup.org/exigency-report

Sexual harassment


Sexual assault


Academic-industry partnerships

Recommended Principles & Practices to Guide Academic-Industry Relationships: This report is currently being revised and will be available in book form in January. Information will be posted at http://www.aaup.org/academy-industry-report as it becomes available.

Professional ethics

Statement on Professional Ethics: http://www.aaup.org/ethics-statement

More Resources:

AAUP guidebook: Faculty Handbooks as Enforceable Contracts: http://www.aaup.org/guidebooks

The AAUP/AAUP-CBC Summer Institute includes a workshop on faculty handbooks that is applicable to union and nonunion chapters. For information, see http://www.aaup.org/our-work/education-training/summer-institute

A recent “Dear Colleague” letter by the US Department of Education sets forth specific requirements regarding sexual assault policies: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.html.