

# NEWS

## AAUP Forum examined contract concerns; Faculty Bargaining Team & Bargaining Council Chairs for 2026 announced

Nearly 100 faculty members attended the Cincinnati State AAUP Open Forum on February 9, 2026, to share their thoughts and concerns about negotiations for the next AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Chapter President Abbey Yee introduced Chapter officers and welcomed those who have joined the faculty since the last contract negotiations took place in 2023.

Abbey and other AAUP officers also reviewed recent work of the Chapter, including:

- completing numerous contract compliance activities
- working with Provost Robbin Hoopes to prepare new policy statements for Board of Trustees approval, related to requirements of Senate Bill 1, the "Ohio Advance Higher Education Act." The Board approved several of these new policies in December 2025.
- continuing to participate in meetings of the Board of Trustees "Academic Affairs" committee, where Trustees, along with President Posey

and Provost Hoopes, discuss concerns with Cincinnati State AAUP officers and the Faculty Senate president.

- receiving nearly \$20,000 in grant funding from National AAUP. This is the third time the CState Chapter has been awarded a National AAUP grant.
- reviewing the College's health benefits program, in

meetings organized by the College's Human Resources department.

- facilitating student support and outreach activities.

The meeting also included an overview of bargaining processes, and introduction of the 2026 Bargaining Team and Bargaining Council Chairs.

Faculty Bargaining Team

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**Save the date for AAUP events!**

**Friday, April 17 • 7-10 pm**

**"Meat Raffle" at Binski's Bar**

**2872 Colerain Ave., Cinti, 45225**

Buy tickets & win cuts of meat (or vegan options)

Proceeds support AAUP Scholarships

*All Cincinnati State employees are welcome!*

**Saturday, May 9**

**Post-Commencement Happy Hour**

**MadTree Brewing Oakley Taproom**

**3301 Madison Rd., Cinti, 45209**

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members for 2026 are Julie McLaughlin and Pam Ecker (co-leaders), Scott Horn, Caleb Ochs-Naderer, and Mark Tiemeier.

The 2026 AAUP Bargaining Council Chairs are Heather Hatchett, Kelly Hubbard, and Greg Klein.

The Bargaining Council Chairs serve as liaisons to the Bargaining Team. They will share concerns that emerge from Listening Sessions, prepare research reports on bargaining topics, and assist with activities of bargaining-related committees.

Also, members of the Bargaining Team and the Bargaining Council Chairs are attending a series of training sessions offered by National AAUP.

The Chapter is offering several Listening Sessions in March and April so members of the faculty bargaining unit can share concerns and questions with AAUP officers and bargaining team members.



# **LISTENING SESSIONS**



Join us to share concerns you'd like to see addressed during bargaining or to ask questions

## **IN-PERSON**

MARCH 24, 12-1PM (MAIN 276)

MARCH 30, 10-11AM (MAIN 376)

APRIL 8, 2-3PM (MAIN 276)

## **VIRTUAL**

MARCH 27, 11AM-12PM

MARCH 31, 4:30-5:30PM

APRIL 9, 9-10AM

Look for calendar invites from AAUP

**YOU TALK  
WE'LL LISTEN**

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