A STRONG VOICE FOR FACULTY
Our collective voice is a powerful force. Together, we stand up for the rights of all those who teach and conduct research in higher education.

A DEFENDER OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
AAUP members uphold the professional standards and values that maintain quality in higher education. We are committed to the advancement of academic freedom, shared governance, and the economic security of our profession. We believe that academics must be able to explore ideas and conduct research freely and without fear of retribution.

A MEMBER-DRIVEN, MEMBER-LED ORGANIZATION
The principles of academic freedom and collective self-governance underlie the AAUP’s member-driven structure. The AAUP is characterized by an unwavering commitment to local chapter autonomy and organizational democracy. AAUP members act locally to improve the workplace, institutionalize AAUP policies, and speak truth to power.

A FORCE FOR GOOD IN UNCERTAIN TIMES
Higher education today is threatened by a corporate mindset that sees it as a business or as a commodity to be purchased by individuals for their individual benefit. We recognize that higher education is a building block of democratic society and a public good that should be broadly accessible. Students reap the benefits when faculty have a say.