

American Association of University Professors (AAUP)—UCCS Campus Chapter

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The AAUP is the primary professional association for all college and university faculty, of whatever rank or discipline, in the country. The Association addresses concerns around academic freedom and faculty governance, though its policies and reports cover university matters from working conditions and due process to online education, among many other topics. Advocating for higher education as a public good is central to the AAUP's project.

The UCCS chapter of the AAUP has, since its founding in 2015, spearheaded a successful campaign to raise salaries for IRC faculty, been central in working to establish fair and safe grievance procedures for the latter, and participated in conversations around campus policies during COVID. The chapter has worked with Faculty Assembly, and has met with CU Regents, UCCS administrators, and various faculty committees (e.g., those working on the new campus budget model), advocating for UCCS faculty concerns. The chapter meets once or twice a semester. Chapter members collectively set the specific priorities and agenda each year.

AAUP dues run from roughly \$6 / month (for salaries under \$30K) up to \$25 / month (for salaries over \$120K), and include a subscription to the AAUP's journal, *Academe*, among other publications. For anyone who would like to join (or to renew) but cannot cover the cost, the chapter will cover dues for at least the first year. If you have questions, would like to attend a chapter meeting, or would like to become a member, you can email me (scarter2@uccs.edu) or email the chapter (aaup.uccs@gmail.com). You can also find out more at www.aaup.org.