

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CHAPTER**  
Web site: <http://www.aup-ui.org/>

DATE: April 4, 2017  
TO: Policy Committee  
FROM: Harry Hilton, UIUC AAUP Chapter President  
RE: President's Monthly Report to Policy Committee (3/14/17 – 4/4/17)

**1 - Tenure workshop:** The following have agreed to participate in the workshop on April 20, 2017, 3:30 – 5 pm, 314 A IU: Provost John Wilkin, Associate Provost Abbas Benmamoun, Terry Ostler (chair CAFT), Lynne Rudasill (member FAC), John Prussing.

**2 – Statute revisions:** The revisions have been approved by the three senates and the Senate Council. They were transmitted to the president on December 5, 2016. I have asked the president's office to notify me when they are sent to BoT. Next BoT meetings:

May 11, 2017      Springfield  
July 12-13 2017    Chicago

I have been assured of the notification prior to transmittal. Nothing was transmitted to BoT for their 3/15/17 meeting.

**3 – Legislative attacks on tenure and course content:** Bob Parker continues to track news items on this important subject. We may wish to consider these topics for a workshop or for the May annual membership meeting. See

<https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB266/2017>

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=87&ba=SF+41>

<https://twitter.com/sench/status/819390363991502848>

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/king-rep-ban-social-justice-events-arizona-schools-article-1.2945382>

<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Iowa-Bill-Would-Force/239261>

<http://www.chronicle.com/blogs/ticker/iowa-lawmaker-who-has-criticized-colleges-listed-steakhouse-company-as-alma-mater/117138>

**4 – Shared governance questionnaire:** Abbas's office has distributed our questionnaire and transmittal letter (attached) with return deadline of April 14. The provost will send a reminder email to unit heads.

**5 – AAUP fact-finding committee visit:** Professor Mark Criley's (Illinois Wesleyan University) visit has been rescheduled UIUC to *April 28*. I will have a prepared statement for PC approval by the middle of this month. I am waiting for some more pertinent information to include.

**6 – Letter to Representative Davis:** David O'Brien prepared the attached letter. It and the response are attached.

**7 – Proposed federal cuts in research funding:** Should the PC take a stand on proposed cuts in funding to NIH, NEH, NEA, NSF, etc., and on the elimination of overhead costs including RA tuition?