

# AAUP Report

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American Association of University Professors  
Bloomington Chapter

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## SUMMARY OF PROGRAM

INSTITUTIONAL MYTHS  
AND PROFESSIONAL REALITIES:  
TEACHING AND RESEARCH  
AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Monday, February 11, 1991  
Indiana Memorial Union, IUB  
Afternoon: State Room East  
Dinner: Frangipani Room

- 1:30---"The Ideology of Excellence"  
--Paul Strohm (English; Ed., *Academe*)
- 2:00---"Rankings: Making the Top Twenty"  
--George Kuh (Education)
- 3:00---Debate/Panel: "Lost in Translation?  
From the Study to the Classroom"  
--Jim Craig (Psychology)  
--Kathy Krendl (Telecommunications)  
--George Juergens (History)  
--Gil Chaitin, chair (French & Italian)
- 4:00---Panel/Discussion: "Learning from our  
Students?"  
--Susan Gubar (English)  
--Michael Metzger (Business)  
--Ben Brabson (Physics)  
--Al Ruesink, chair (Biology)
- 5:00---Reception, sponsored by the Institute  
for Advanced Study
- 6:00---Dinner, Tom Ehrlich presiding  
--Frank Newman, Keynote Address

## AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FUTURE

On February 11, the local chapter of the AAUP has planned a campus-wide event that should be of interest to all faculty. Through the afternoon and into the evening, a series of speakers, panels, and open discussions will explore what the teaching and research of a major university will look like as we enter the 21st century. The theme set for this event is "Institutional Myths and Professional Realities: Teaching and Research at Indiana University."

Each of you is encouraged to join us in State Room East for whatever portion of the program you wish to attend. Faculty are encouraged "to slip in and out" to accommodate other commitments yet afford a rare opportunity to hear major issues regarding our future being articulated in discussion. All faculty should have received notice of the event. Additional flyers are available from Ann Bristow (Library), who is handling the promotion. The afternoon programs will be capped by a dinner in the Frangipani Room, with President Tom Ehrlich presiding. Frank Newman, President of the Education Commission of the States, will provide a keynote address.

Rarely do we as faculty have an opportunity to share thoughts with each other, especially across disciplines, concerning the institutional shaping of our profession. Faculty Council meetings are relatively brief, and there is typically a thrust to pass a motion, not to explore and develop a community's goals and understandings. This meeting on Monday, the 11th will enable us to get of our sheltered disciplinary paradigms for a bit and focus on something dear

to all of us--the future of and the balance between research and teaching at our major research university. Seldom does the whole faculty have a chance to explore the linkage between teaching and research, and the tensions that often exist there.

Mary Burgan (English) has capably managed the planning and structuring of the program, building upon an idea originally conceived by Ed Greenebaum (Law), who is on leave for the year.

Check your calendar for the 11th, determine which portions of the program you can attend, and try, if possible, to attend the dinner session.

**ACADEMIC FREEDOM, TENURE DECISION,  
AND DUE PROCESS: A POSSIBLE PROBLEM  
HERE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

Recently the local AAUP Executive Committee heard one side of a tenure-case problem in the Department of Political Science, a case in which it appears 1) that the criteria for tenure may have been changed after the faculty member was in rank, 2) that normal faculty governance in the department was unnecessarily curtailed during the time that tenure for this individual was being considered, and 3) that the negative recommendations at some levels may have been due more to the type of research being done--comparative political science--rather than the quality of research itself. Due to action and a recommendation by the Faculty Board of Review, the particular tenure situation will soon be re-evaluated by an arbitration panel, but that does not resolve the basic issues of academic freedom and due process that may continue to be a problem in future situations here at IU. The local AAUP is actively seeking more information about the Political Science situation as well as any others that may be similar in order to determine how and to what degree we must insist that our administrators change their policies. A push for excellence in research cannot be allowed to curtail the freedoms and rights of individual faculty, nor permitted to undermine effective faculty governance.

**ARE WE IN DANGER OF DEVELOPING  
A TWO-TIERED FACULTY?**

For many years, the AAUP nationally and locally has insisted that all permanent faculty must be appointed on normal tenure-track appointments. During the past year, there has been a movement in the College to abrogate this principle--a movement toward renewable, long-term, non-tenured appointments for teachers who would have no research responsibilities. These teachers would provide inexpensive teaching of introductory language courses, but they would clearly be second-class academic citizens. To learn more about this potential problem, the local AAUP sponsored an open panel discussion of the issues involved on November 8th. The issue was debated in the Bloomington Faculty Council on January 15th, and we are delighted that the faculty there assembled voted to oppose making these sorts of appointments.

The AAUP has stood for many years as a proponent and a defender of faculty rights and freedoms. The AAUP is all the more important in times such as these when the professoriate individually and collectively is under stress. If you do not already belong to an organization that looks out for your academic and professional well-being, please consider joining your local AAUP.

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- Call Gary Wiggins, Treasurer of AAUP •
- for the local IUB chapter, at 5-9452 •
- or drop him a note at Chemistry 001 •
- in order to receive your membership •
- application form, a copy of the dues •
- schedule, and other useful informa- •
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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AAUP**

Monday, April 8, 1991

12 Noon

Coronation Room, IMU

(Details available in the next newsletter)