



**Academics Against Immigration Executive Order:** [Thousands of professors from across the U.S.](#) have signed on to a letter protesting the president's January 27 [Executive Order](#) banning the entry of refugees and immigrants from Syria, Iraq, Iran, and four other predominantly Muslim countries into the United States.

"The people whose status in the United States would be reconsidered are our students, friends, colleagues, and members of our communities," the professors write. "The implementation will necessarily tear families apart by restricting entry for family members who live outside of the U.S. and limiting the ability to travel for those who reside and work in the U.S. These restrictions would be applied to nearly all individuals from these countries, regardless of their immigration status or any other circumstances. This measure is fatally disruptive to the lives of these immigrants, their families, and the communities of which they form an integral part. It is inhumane, ineffective, and un-American." [Click here for the full letter and instructions for how to sign on.](#) [Visit the WMU-AAUP blog for more info about the Executive Order and how to support WMU's international and immigrant students and faculty colleagues.](#)

**Meet your 2017 WMU-AAUP bargaining team:** Chief Negotiator Cynthia Klekar-Cunningham (English) and team members Whitney DeCamp (Sociology), Bruce Ferrin (Marketing), Jeremy Hierholzer (Aviation), and Michael Miller (Human Performance and Health Education) are working hard to prepare for 2017 contract negotiations. [Click here to learn more about Cynthia, Whitney, Bruce, Jeremy, and Mike.](#)

**Special chapter meeting on Thursday, February 16, featuring Dr. Howard Bunsis on "A Question of Priorities: Understanding University Finances."** The meeting will focus on our forthcoming negotiations and begin with a presentation by Howard Bunsis, professor of accounting at Eastern Michigan University and chair of the national AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress. Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. Putney Auditorium in the Fetzer Center. [Click here for more details.](#)

**Department meetings to discuss faculty priorities for 2017 negotiations:** To schedule a meeting in your department with members of the bargaining team, contact your Association Council representative. [Click here to find your department rep\(s\) and their contact info.](#) No Association Council rep for your department? Reply to this message for more information about how you can join the AC.

**The WMU-AAUP Resolution of Solidarity with Western Michigan University Students** [approved by the faculty in November 2016](#) appeared in the January 9 issue of the *Western Herald*. [Click here to see the ad \(scroll to page 9\)](#).

**A printable version of the solidarity resolution is available on the WMU-AAUP chapter blog.** [Click here to access the printable poster](#). We also have a limited number of solidarity cards available. If you'd like a card to post on your office door, please reply to this email with your request.

**Our 2016-17 contract campaign is on!** Since our last negotiations, in 2014, we've seen an uptick in infringements on faculty rights to academic freedom, due process, and participation in shared governance on campuses nationwide. In this context, and in a political and economic climate of reduced legislative support for public education, WMU faculty once again face serious challenges as we approach our 2017 contract negotiations. That is why we have been working to organize a campaign of events and actions to build solidarity on campus and support for 2017 negotiations. [Click here to learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved](#).

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