

WMU-AAUP Association Council Responsibilities of Council Representatives

Key responsibilities of Association Council representatives:

- Share the views and concerns of your departmental/unit-level colleagues
- Conduct meetings in your departments as necessary for Chapter business
- Facilitate information flow between members, the Association Council, and the Executive Committee.

Questions for Association Council representatives to consider:

- How do my departmental colleagues feel about particular WMU policies or the activities of the Chapter?
- What are the most pressing campus issues from my colleagues' point of view?
- How can I help my colleagues better understand how the Chapter supports their professional endeavors?
- What strategies would best increase colleagues' engagement with Chapter activities and initiatives?
- How can the Chapter be more responsive to members' concerns?

Specific Strategies:

- Know the Chapter's key action/advocacy issues. These include (but are not limited to):
 - **Vigilant** protection of academic freedom
 - **Effective** negotiating for consistent salary increases
 - **Assertive** advocacy for outstanding healthcare
 - **Insistence** on fair pay for summer teaching
 - **Holding firm** on retirement and sick leave benefits
 - **Ensuring** clearly defined tenure review procedures
- Be prepared to answer basic questions about the WMU-AAUP and the current impact of anti-union legislation.
- Follow the Chapter and the national organization through social media, newsletters, and other communications.
- Understand the value of other campus employee groups and how our interests intersect.
- Get involved in the Chapter and national organization in other ways, e.g., by becoming an officer, writing for the blog, participating in campus events, or attending an AAUP conference.