

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

By-Laws

I. NAME.

The name of the organization shall be the South Carolina Conference of the American Association of University Professors.

II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the organization shall be:

- a. To promote the policies of the National AAUP and to promote the establishment of new AAUP chapters and the expansion of existing chapters;
- b. To achieve closer cooperation of the activities of campus chapters with the national staff of AAUP and to increase the effectiveness of South Carolina AAUP chapters in the work of the national organization;
- c. To represent the statewide interests of faculty members in public and private institutions of higher learning;
- d. To provide opportunity to local chapters for communication of information, the joint discussion of common problems, the joint consultation on important issues, and joint action on matters of mutual concern and interest; and
- e. To formulate and secure the establishment of institutional policies regarding academic freedom, academic responsibility, shared institutional responsibilities, and faculty employment conditions, including but not limited to remuneration, promotion, and tenure.

III. MEMBERSHIP.

All members of the American Association of University Professors (active full time, active entrant, graduate, associate, retired, and public) who reside in South Carolina or

are associated with institution of higher education in South Carolina are entitled to membership.

IV. MEETINGS.

The Assembly of the South Carolina Conference is the meeting of the membership. The Assembly shall meet at least twice a year, once in the Fall of the academic year (August through December) and once in the Spring (January through June) at specific times and places set by the Executive Committee. At least two weeks prior notice of the meeting shall be given to the membership, with agenda. There may be other meetings of the Assembly. The Assembly shall set Conference policies, transact the business of the Conference, and review and ratify the actions of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall be 20 members representing a minimum of five institutions. All meetings of the Conference shall be conducted according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

V. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Officers of the Conference shall be active or retired members of the National Association.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the three elected officers and the immediate past President. The Executive Committee shall exercise ordinary executive responsibility for the Conference and any special responsibilities assigned to it by the membership of the Conference.

VII. ELECTIONS.

All officers shall be elected for two year terms. Election shall be by mail ballot, occurring in odd numbered years. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee will report nominations to the Conference at the Spring meeting prior to the election. Nominations may be placed on the floor of the Assembly by motions of any member of the Conference. Ballots shall be circulated to the Conference following the Spring meeting of the Assembly, and shall be returned to the Nominating Committee and counted, and the results announced, not later than the following Fall meeting of the Assembly. Officers so

elected assume office upon adjournment of the Fall meeting immediately following the election.

VIII. VOTING.

Eligibility to vote on any matter coming before the Conference, whether through mail ballot, on the floor of the Assembly, or by any other means, shall be restricted to voting members of the National Association.

IX. STAFF.

The Conference may establish an office and employ a staff. The duties, salaries, and contract conditions for the staff, as well as selection and reappointment, shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

X. DUES.

Dues for the South Carolina Conference shall be set at an Assembly Meeting.

XI. COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee may establish ad hoc committees. The President, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, his or her own vote included, may appoint the chairperson and members of the following standing committees:

1. Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure.
2. Committee F on Dues, Membership, Chapters, and Credentials.
3. Committee R on the Relationship of Higher Education to Government.
4. Committee T on College and University Governance.
5. Committee W on the Status of Women in the Profession.
6. Committee Z on Economic Status and Faculty Welfare.

XII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or any member. The text of amendments to be acted upon by the Assembly shall be circulated to the membership no later than one month before the Assembly Meeting. Amendment of the By-Laws requires two thirds affirmative vote of the members present at the Assembly.

Ratified at a meeting of the South Carolina Conference at Columbia College, December 2, 1978.

Amended at an Assembly Meeting of the South Carolina Conference at The University of South Carolina Beaufort, November 6, 1993.

Amended at an Assembly Meeting of the South Carolina Conference at Francis Marion University, April 15, 2000.

Amended at an Assembly Meeting of the South Carolina Conference at Furman University, November 1, 2003.