

## REPORT OF THE UofL AAUP

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### Updates:

We have analyzed results of the shared governance survey and plan to have a report to share with the campus community at our Fall meeting, scheduled for Nov, 17.

A reminder that AAUP has created a website (<http://tenurematters.org>) that is dedicated to supporting and publishing stories that demonstrate the value of the tenure system in higher education, and specifically here at UofL. University faculty of all ranks— those who are tenured and tenure track as well as adjuncts—are invited to post their anecdotes and opinions about tenure. Our goal is to educate those who may be unfamiliar with the tenure system and to communicate the necessary role that tenure plays in fulfilling the academic mission of universities. We encourage you to let your colleagues know about the site and contribute your own tenure story.

### Current Activities:

Currently, our leading issue has been the Presidential search, which the Board of Trustees has decided will be a closed search.

On Oct., 6, AAUP sent a follow-up letter to the Board of Trustees reiterating concerns about the closed search. We did not receive a reply to our follow-up letter.

Members of AAUP and other concerned faculty once again protested against the closed Presidential Search at the Oct. 18 Board of Trustees meeting.

### Upcoming Events:

Our Fall Meeting will be held Friday, Nov., 17 at 3:30 (directly following A&S College Faculty Assembly) in Strickler 102

Anyone who joins AAUP as a new member, renews their national membership, or pays their local chapter dues between now and the chapter meeting will be entered in a drawing to win one of two book prizes: Christopher Newfield's *The Great Mistake: How We Wrecked Public Universities and How We Can Fix Them* (2016) or Michael Bérubé and J. Ruth's *The Humanities, Higher Education, and Academic Freedom: Three Necessary Arguments* (2015). Faculty who wish join AAUP or to renew their national membership, can do so at AAUP's membership page: <https://www.aaup.org/membership/join>.

The meeting agenda will include discussions of: the presidential search; the Board of Trustees' tenure policy review and AAUP's #tenurematters initiative; the results of our chapter's shared governance survey; and the recently published statement on shared governance by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB).



