

Chapter Constitution Adopted April 12, 2010
Delta College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

Article I Purpose

The Delta College Chapter will support the objectives of the American Association of University Professors in facilitating cooperation among teachers and scholars in colleges and universities for the promotion of higher education and learning and to increase the usefulness and advance the standards, ideals and welfare of the profession.

Article II Membership

1. Membership in the state and national American Association of University Professors is strongly encouraged. Membership at the national level is expected of all officers of the Delta College chapter.

2. There shall be three classes of members of the chapter:

A. **Active.** A person employed by Delta College in the capacity of full-time faculty member is eligible for Active membership in the chapter.

B. **Associate.** Any person employed by Delta College as an adjunct instructor may become an associate member. This category includes full-time employees whose work is primarily administrative, but who teach at least one course per year. Associate members may attend all meetings of the Chapter, and participate in discussions, but may not vote or hold office (unless that office is Immediate Past President as described in Section C). However, the chapter President may select an Associate member for special tasks with the approval of the Executive Committee.

C. **Emeritus.** Any Active or Associate member who retires from Delta College may be transferred, at his or her request, to Emeritus membership. Emeritus members may attend all meetings of the Chapter but may not vote or hold office with the exception of Immediate Past President if the Emeritus member is the immediately preceding chapter President while serving as an Active member. The Immediate Past President, even if Emeritus, will be a member of the Executive Committee and have a vote on that committee but will not vote in general chapter meetings. However, the chapter President may select an Emeritus member for special tasks with the approval of the Executive Committee. The same rules apply to an Active member who becomes an Associate member due to a change in employment status.

3. Chapter membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by December 31 of each year, at which time the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the person of this status. Membership may be reinstated upon payment of dues.

Article III Officers

1. The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Delegate, and Immediate Past President.
2. The term of office of the President, Vice President and Conference Delegate shall be two years and shall expire on December 31 following the election of their successors.
3. The term of Office of the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be one year and shall expire December 31 following the election of their successors.
4. The President and Vice President shall have the duties usually associated with those offices. The President shall preside at meetings of the chapter and the Executive Committee. He or she shall appoint all committees of the chapter and shall be ex-officio member of all appointed committees.
5. The Recording Secretary shall carry on the work of the chapter under the general direction of the President, preparing the agenda for meetings and keeping the records thereof.
6. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct correspondence with all constituents of the chapter. He or she shall keep a historical file of all publicity and other communications that may be of vital concern to the chapter. The Corresponding Secretary will also manage the chapter web site. He or she may, with the approval of the President, delegate any of these duties to other members of the chapter.
7. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee, safeguard the moneys and make an annual report at the January chapter meeting.
8. The President may appoint an Active member to serve as a delegate to the state AAUP conference. The Conference Delegate shall be responsible for representing the local chapter at the State Council meetings.

Article IV The Executive Committee

1. The elected officers, together with the Immediate Past President shall serve as the voting members of the Executive Committee. Other chapter members holding State Conference or National Office, serving on Conference or National committees, or appointed as Conference Delegate shall be *ex-officio*, non-voting members of the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall carry out the purposes of the chapter and act for the chapter. The Executive Committee shall (a) determine appropriate classes of membership, (b) determine assessments and regulations governing payment of

assessments, (c) construe provisions of the constitution, (d) determine time, place, and agenda or program for regular or special meeting and (e) authorize establishment of committees.

3. An Executive Committee meeting shall be held separately or together with each regular meeting of the membership. A special meeting shall be called on the written request of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Article V Elections of Officers

1. Only Active members shall be eligible for election and service as officers (with the exception of Immediate Past President as described in Section IIC). The President and Vice President, after completing a full term, shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices.

2. Nominations for officers may be presented by a nominating committee appointed by the President or by any Active member of the chapter by the November chapter meeting. Consent from the nominee shall be secured before the nomination is made.

3. Voting shall be by secret ballot either at the December meeting or by mail at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Ballots shall be prepared by the Recording Secretary. The President shall appoint the tellers.

Article VI Dues

1. Annual membership dues shall be based on the calendar year and shall be paid by December 31. New members may be admitted after at any time for the annual rate.

2. Active members will pay full annual chapter dues while Associate and Emeritus members will be assessed one half the full annual chapter dues.

3. Any change in dues from the previous year shall be voted upon by the chapter.

4. The Executive Committee may make additional assessments to Active members not to exceed \$50.00 per year for specific purposes. Assessments in excess of \$50.00 shall be voted upon by the general membership. Associate and Emeritus members will be charged one half of any such additional assessment.

Article VII Meetings

Regular meetings of the chapter shall be held during the fall and winter semesters. The date, time, place and topics of the meetings will be set by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee, the President or a quorum of the membership. Only Active members may vote. A quorum shall be 10% of the Active members. A quorum will be assumed to exist unless the existence of a quorum is challenged by an Active member.

ARTICLE VIII Annual Awards

The Delta College chapter of the AAUP annually grants awards for service and governance to deserving members of the College community. The recipients are selected by the Executive Committee of the chapter. The award for service is granted to an individual or group for exemplary service to the College and the community it serves. The award for governance is granted to an individual or group for contributing to institutions or practices of shared governance within the college.

Article IX Amendments And Challenges

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any meeting of the chapter by a majority vote of the chapter members present and voting, provided the amendment proposed is submitted in writing at least one week prior to the meeting of the chapter and specifically announced in a call for the meeting at which the action on the proposed amendment is to be taken. Any action of a regular meeting or of the Executive Committee may be rescinded by a majority of the Active membership voting by mail ballot if that ballot is requested by a petition of at least 20% of the Active members. The petition must state exactly what action is to be rescinded. The Executive Committee will judge if the petition is valid.