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Hi all—

Just wanted to update you on a couple of things:

1. My fellow Colorado AAUP co-president, Laura Connolly, has filed a report about the recent national AAUP meeting in Washington DC. You can find it at <https://portfolio.du.edu/pc/port?page=6&uid=15048> under "State Conference Memos and Documents". A report that appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education is attached to this message.

2. For those of you interested in the continuing saga of Ward Churchill, he's inquired with the Colorado AAUP about initiating a "Colorado Committee for the Protection of Faculty Rights" investigation. The current chair of the CCPFR who is very well experienced in these matters wrote the following about the recent court decision denying Churchill's reinstatement at CU:

"The decision by Judge Naves essentially establishes that someone with tenure can be fired for any reason an administration wants and that the faculty member has no recourse. This destroys the value of tenure and eliminates the basic protective mechanism for academic freedom. Also, fairness in governance procedures was violated badly in this case, even though CU manipulated the procedures to technically comply. As an organization dedicated to academic freedom and shared governance, we cannot sit idly by...I've read Judge Naves' decision and think that he cherry-picked some of his precedents. There are some strong prior decisions that would back WC that he left out."

I've posted, in chronological order, Judge Naves' decision and many other documents related to the Churchill case here: <https://portfolio.du.edu/pc/port?page=5&uid=15048>

Cheers,
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