

Subject: FW: 2015 Summer Institute: Save the date!

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Hi all--

See below for some big news. AAUP wants to come to Colorado because of the accomplishments of our state conference in standing up for faculty rights and shared governance. And, Denver is the logical place to hold the conference.

I put the relevant parties together last fall. My hope is that DU will not simply see this as a way to keep the dorms full and make money over the summer. It would be nice if our leaders embraced this event and its symbolic importance. This year is the 100th anniversary of the AAUP's founding. Our hosting of an academic freedom/shared governance conference strikes me as a pretty big deal that's worth capitalizing upon. We have some issues on this campus, but they are far, far worse at other campuses in the state (including CU-Boulder and especially the state colleges and community colleges). Here's our chance to establish DU's credibility as a leading institution committed to the founding principles of academic freedom/shared governance.

Yes, this Institute is also about training faculty in collective bargaining. That will certainly make some people nervous. The anxiety could be ratcheted up by the recent NLRB decision that *possibly* opens the door a little wider for faculty unionization at private institutions. But we're a long way from that, and the Institute is still fundamentally about training faculty to be better partners in running universities. Hopefully folks will view it in that spirit.

I'm also hoping that with the help of our Faculty Senate we can increase DU faculty participation in the Institute, e.g., Faculty Senate scholarships/stipends to cover registration fees. Perhaps we'll be able to persuade the Chancellor to help pay the way for some of our faculty. Maybe your dean would want to get in on the fun by paying your way to attend? We can always hope!

My colleagues in the AAUP's Colorado Conference are keen to have an opening event on our campus the night before the Institute begins. That would be Wednesday, July 22. We're working on that. Colorado AAUP is prepared to pay. But we'll also appeal to the Chancellor to cost-share and co-host that event with us, aimed at Colorado faculty and early bird arrivals from elsewhere.

As always, let me know if you want to be dropped from this email list.

Cheers,
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The 2015 AAUP/AAUP-CBC Summer Institute is coming to the University of Denver!

Who says summer school can't be fun? From July 23 to 26, you can join more than two hundred other higher education professionals from around the country for a long weekend of exciting workshops and special programs.

There's a reason the Summer Institute is our most popular program. We bring in organizers, data analysts, seasoned campaigners, and issue experts to build your skills as an advocate for AAUP principles, collective bargaining, and higher education.

There will also be plenty of time in the program for social events, informal networking, and exploring our beautiful host city.

Let some past participants tell you about it in [this video created by participants in last year's Summer Institute](#).

Stay tuned for further updates on registration and program details:

<http://www.aaup.org/event/2015-summer-institute>

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