

Month: May 2018

Three Election-Related Items

AAUP-WSU Chapter Member Running for a Seat in the Ohio House

Ryan Taylor, a faculty member in CEHS is running for the Ohio House to represent the voters in the 40th District, which encompasses Portions of Brookville, Englewood, Vandalia, Huber Heights, Riverside, positions of East Dayton.



In the past our Executive committee has refrained from endorsing political candidates, but we have decided to revise that policy and we are endorsing Ryan's candidacy.

Indeed, we wish to encourage our members to seek elected office because it has become increasingly clear that that is the surest way to make public policy more supportive of public higher education and the AAUP principles of academic freedom, shared governance, and economic security and tenure.

Ryan's campaign's website includes the following statement on education issues:

We must invest in quality education that supports educators in all districts and prepares all our children to be career and college ready and have the tools they need to be successful in life.

As a college instructor Ryan sees first hand that students who had access to a solid K-12 experience are motivated and able to complete their post-secondary training. Students with a solid educational foundation understand career and workforce opportunities and spend less time in developmental classes to "catch up" to their peers. Ryan has a firm understanding of how important education is to help lift families out of poverty and how education is a catalyst for generational change.

Her positions on other issues are also available at
<http://ryantaylorforohio.com/issues.html>.

Vote Yes on Issue 1

On the primary ballot this May 8, Ohio voters will be asked whether to approve Issue 1. Like the Ohio Conference AAUP Board, the AAUP-WSU Executive Committee has endorsed a YES vote.



Issue 1 would end the partisan gerrymandering process for congressional districts in Ohio. Gerrymandering is the practice that allows one political party to draw districts in a way that favors their party. This is why there are so few competitive congressional elections in Ohio and, consequently, very lopsided representation in Congress.

The amendment needs a simple majority of votes to become part of the Ohio Constitution. The proposed changes would take effect for the next redistricting process and be in place for the 2022 mid-term elections.

Issue 1 has received broad bipartisan support, with endorsements from both the Democratic and Republican Parties, as well as major Ohio newspapers. We encourage our members to vote in the primary election on May 8 and to vote YES on Issue 1.

Contribute to Our New Political Action Committees and Encourage Others to Contribute

The Wright State AAUP chapter has established two political action committees (PACs) to raise funding to support candidates in elections for state offices in Ohio.

The two PACs have the same straightforward and limited mission: to support candidates who have records of supporting public higher education and collective bargaining rights.

Both PACs will rely entirely on voluntary contributions: that is, dues will *not* be allocated to the PACs.

The **AAUP-WSU PAC** has been established for members of the AAUP-WSU bargaining unit.

The **SmartALEC(k) PAC** has been established for anyone else who wishes to support candidates who support public higher education and collective bargaining rights. In other words, any other AAUP member in Ohio could make a contribution to this PAC.

Because AAUP-WSU needs to submit records on contributions made to both PACs, no anonymous contributions are permissible.

Contributions should be mailed to:

PAC Name: AAUP-WSU PAC or SmartALEC(k) PAC

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