

Greene County Democratic Party
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Resolution Supporting the Wright State University Chapter of the AAUP

Whereas, at the January 17, 2019, meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greene County Democratic Party (GCDP), the facts of the ongoing labor dispute between the Wright State University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and WSU Administration were presented to over forty members of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas, continuing reports show the WSU Administration is not bargaining in good faith and is, moreover, seeking to impose unfair conditions on faculty members that will harm not only their professional careers but the educational standards of the University and the quality of instruction provided to its students – namely, effectively eliminating tenure and continuing appointments, nullifying workload agreements, imposing arbitrary furloughs and ill-defined “merit pay,” among other issues; and

Whereas, WSU Administration has refused the AAUP request for continued negotiations until the union withdraw its unfair labor practice complaint with prejudice, insisting on negotiating the *next* contract while holding the AAUP hostage to the implemented, draconian terms of the disputed contract;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Greene County Democratic Party Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, supports the Wright State University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in the current labor dispute, and members of the Party will provide active, ongoing support to striking members, if AAUP deems such action necessary.

The GCDP further calls on the Wright State University Administration to return to the bargaining table in good faith and negotiate with the AAUP to find a solution that respects the rights of dedicated faculty while maintaining the integrity of this respected community institution.