

**To:** Purdue University Senate

**From:** Senator Lisa Bosman (Steering Committee Chair) and  
Senator Lindsay Weinberg

**Subject:** American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Purdue  
Chapter Statement calling for a vote of no confidence in Provost  
Patrick J. Wolfe in the University Senate.

**Reference:** Resolution for Standing Committees to Look into Issues, Concerns,  
and Allegations raised in the AAUP Purdue Chapter Statement and  
Report Back to the Steering Committee.

**Disposition:** University Senate for Discussion in the Steering Committee,  
Educational Policy Committee, Community Connection Committee,  
Faculty Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and  
University Resources Policy Committee.

**Rationale:** Recently, the Purdue Chapter of the AAUP passed a Chapter  
Statement calling for a vote of no confidence in Provost Patrick J.  
Wolfe in the University Senate, with subsequent coverage in *Based  
in Lafayette*, *Purdue Exponent*, and *Journal & Courier*. Given the  
breadth and significance of the concerns raised from across  
campus, it is crucial for Senators to have the opportunity to discuss,  
deliberate, and share questions regarding these concerns on behalf  
of their constituents.

**Proposal:** Purdue University Faculty Senate Standing Committees, and in  
particular, the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), Community  
Connection Committee (CCC), Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC),  
Student Affairs Committee (SAC), and University Resources Policy  
Committee (URPC), look into the issues and concerns raised in the  
AAUP Purdue Chapter Statement calling for a vote of no confidence  
and report back to the Steering Committee before our next meeting  
on 9 March 2026.

**Resolution for Standing Committees to Look into Issues, Concerns, and  
Allegations raised in the AAUP Purdue Chapter Statement and Report Back  
to the Steering Committee.**

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding unilateral decisions to block faculty hires and refusal to sign offer letters for candidates who had accepted verbal offers (relevant to deliberations on the FAC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding the unilateral and non-transparent restructuring of the John Martinson Honors College, resulting in job losses for 15 of 17 faculty members, including the Provost's refusal to sign realignment offers for 7 JMHC faculty (relevant to deliberations on the FAC and EPC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding significant teaching shortages in several departments due to faculty turnover and hiring delays (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, and SAC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding a non-transparent Movable Dream Hires program alongside faculty hiring gaps in a broad range of areas (relevant to deliberations on the FAC and CCC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding a failure to complete a search process for a new Dean of Education (relevant to deliberations on the FAC and EPC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding broad overreach during tenure & promotion processes and failure to follow appropriate procedure for tenure and promotion cases, with several candidates allegedly pressured—without any reason explicitly cited—to remove their tenure cases from consideration the day before the Board of Trustees was scheduled to meet to review them (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, and CCC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding a failure to explain changes in direction to colleges (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, CCC, and SAC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding the expansion of HEA 1001 post-tenure review requirements to clinical faculty beyond the stated ambit of the law (relevant to deliberations on the FAC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding repeated cuts to book-producing disciplines in the humanities and reduction of tenured faculty who have the research time to write books, while promoting the use of Generative AI to turn faculty lecture notes into books (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, CCC, and SAC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding a failure to appeal the U.S. Department of Education's discontinuing of a \$34.9 million education grant for the Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR Up), the 6<sup>th</sup> largest federal grant in Purdue's history (relevant to deliberations on the SAC, CCC, and EPC);

**Whereas**, there are expressed concerns regarding the firing of staff involved in DEI and associated work across the campus over the summer, who had been explicitly told to

continue “business as usual,” which also reportedly involved firing 60 student ambassadors as well as full-time staff members, some of whom had no DEI-related responsibilities (relevant to deliberations on the CCC, SAC, and EPC);

**Whereas,** there are expressed concerns regarding fostering a climate of self-censorship that undermines the mission of the University (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, CCC, SAC, and EPC);

**Whereas,** there are expressed concerns regarding discrimination against prospective graduate students based on nationality (relevant to deliberations on the SAC, EPC, and FAC);

**Whereas,** there are expressed concerns regarding a lack of leadership that directly impacts Purdue’s ability to meet its teaching, research, and service mission (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, CCC, SAC, and URPC);

**Whereas,** there are expressed concerns that a resignation is urgently needed in order to restore faith that the Purdue administration will treat its community with appropriate fairness and transparency and demonstrate a sense of duty to its alumni, faculty, staff, and students (relevant to deliberations on the FAC, EPC, CCC, SAC, and URPC);

**Be it resolved that,** the Educational Policy Committee, Community Connection Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and University Resources Policy Committee look into the issues, concerns, and allegations raised in the AAUP Purdue Chapter Statement and report back to the Steering Committee before our next meeting on 9 March 2026.