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## AAUP Supports APSCUF in Struggle for Quality Education, Fair Contract

*The following statement was issued by Rudy Fichtenbaum, president of the American Association of University Professors and Howard Bunsis, chair of the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress:*

“The AAUP and the AAUP-CBC stand in solidarity with our colleagues in Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Faculties (APSCUF) in their struggle for a fair contract. The administration has offered a contract that will divide faculty, offering lower raises for adjunct faculty and cuts in health benefits while asking some faculty to teach more classes. The faculty have been without a contract since June of 2015. With the support of many students, APSCUF is fighting for a contract that will ensure that students continue to receive a quality education.”

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*The AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress (AAUP-CBC) is a union for higher education employees. The AAUP-CBC supports unionization as the most effective means for contingent faculty, tenure-line faculty and graduate employees to protect shared governance and academic freedom, to uphold professional standards and values, and to promote quality higher education.*