

Special **Announcement**



Spring 2026 Newsletter Update! May 7, 2026

Greetings Faculty!

In recognizing the Negotiating Team, we mistakenly left Kate Budd off the list!

Kate has long been a staunch supporter of AAUP and has spent a significant amount of her time at UA championing faculty (especially part-time faculty) and her efforts in all facets of support deserve to be recognized.

So, let's try this again – Our Negotiating Team (Toni Bisconti, Kate Budd, Stacey Buser, Ed Evans, and Bill Rich consulting) has put in countless hours over the last year pouring over every aspect of our contract. The Akron-AAUP Executive Committee discussions regarding contract issues have made me appreciate both the degree of complexity and the time that goes into this aspect of shared governance. SB1 has certainly not added any notes of pleasure to this process. My sincerest gratitude to all of you for the time spent on this most important endeavor!

Also, for those of you who may have missed the newsletter, there is a new [Toni's Take](#) available with the latest updates on the pre-negotiations.

Best of luck with your final exams and grading.

In Solidarity

Brian

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video \(Pre\) negotiations update \(5-2-26\)](#)[Preview YouTube video \(Pre\) negotiations update \(5-2-26\)](#)

