

Outgoing Letter From Our President

June 2022

Dear Colleagues,

It was an honor to serve as the Vice President and the President representing you at UCHC-AAUP for the last 5 years. During this time we achieved a lot of our objectives from numerous COVID related MOAs, protecting member rights and avoiding salary cuts, to successfully fighting back UConn Health privatization.

In addition we completed and opened a long awaited faculty lounge and brought the research fringe down closer to neighboring states, a challenge for the whole institute. Most recently we signed a new contract, it will set the language for automatic salary revision for the next 2 fiscal years along with many other new proposals important to our members.

Finally, we recently affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), after our members voted in favor. This move will help us organize better, cut costs and better prepare UCHC-AAUP for the future, "protecting the access to public education".

Our newly elected President is Laura Haynes who has been the Treasurer for the past year. Ion Moraru will continue as your Vice-President and the newly appointed Treasurer will be Lali Haider who will serve out Laura's term. Normally our new officers start in July but because of my leave, they will start immediately.

I leave you now in good hands. I will be moving out of state to pursue more focused work in kidney disease for pregnant women at Mayo Clinic. I wish you all the best. I'm hoping to meet you again in the future.

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