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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Joerg Tiede, Illinois Wesleyan professor of computer science and president of the University's American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter, has been named to three AAUP national committees.

According to AAUP, the organization's mission is to advance academic freedom and share governance, to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good.

Cary Nelson, president of the national chapter of AAUP, has appointed Tiede to two committees: the committee on membership and the committee on college and university governance, each for the term of three years.

Tiede said the committee on governance "promotes meaningful faculty participation in institutional governance through the development of policy statements and reports related to shared governance and application of those principles to particular situations that are brought to its attention. The staff is authorized to receive, on behalf of the committee, complaints of departures from these standards and, where appropriate, to undertake formal investigations. Such cases may lead to a recommendation from the committee to the association's national council and annual meeting that an institution be sanctioned for 'substantial noncompliance with standards of academic governance.'"

For two years, Tiede will also represent the Assembly of State Conferences, the representative body of the state organizations of the AAUP, on Committee A. Committee A focuses on "academic freedom and tenure, and promotes the principles of academic freedom, tenure and due process in higher education through the development of policy documents and reports relating to these subjects," said Tiede. "The staff is authorized to receive, on behalf of the committee, complaints of departures from these standards and, where appropriate, to undertake formal investigations. Such investigations may lead to recommendation from the committee to the Association's national council and annual meeting that the administration of an institution be censured for failure to adhere to the principles of academic freedom and tenure as endorsed by the AAUP and hundreds of other professional and educational organizations."

Tiede, a faculty member since 1999, received a bachelor's degree from Freie Universität Berlin and master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University.



Joerg Tiede

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