



Member Update–April 27, 2026

- Administration takes action on federal immigration enforcement
- Visas
- Bargaining Team thanks
- AAUP National Delegate election

Dear colleagues,

We appreciate the work initiated by President Carlson and the UD Office of General Counsel (OGC) to [protect international scholars](#). We are particularly happy to see signage being installed around campus **designating public/non-public spaces**. The signage clearly communicates to UD community members and outsiders alike which spaces require permission for external parties to enter and which spaces do not. The union has been working toward this since January 2025, through meetings with administrators and UD Police, and through open letters to OGC, the Board of Trustees, and the former president.

Grievance Officer Anu Sivaraman has been working with international faculty experiencing **visa renewal issues** with CGPS/ISSS. We believe the problem is resolved, but please reach out to Anu through our [Contact us](#) link if you need help.

It seems a good moment to express gratitude to our **Bargaining Team**, who have been meeting on average ten times a month this semester, and to all those steering the process. For every meeting with the Administration, BT meets at least three times. Every proposal coming from and going to the Administration is scrutinized by the Steering Committee and Department Representatives, then voted on by the Steering Committee. This is a huge responsibility, and I can think of no better, more experienced team than Ken Barner, Vickie Fedele, Deni Galileo, Anu Sivaraman, and our lawyer, Lance Geren.

Dues-paying members should have received ballots for the election of delegates to the national AAUP Biennial meeting. Please submit your votes by **5 pm, Thursday, April 30, 2026**. If you are a dues paying member and did not receive this, please check your spam folder and be sure to whitelist the aaupud.org domain.

Sincerely,

Persephone Braham for the AAUP-UD Executive Council
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Resources

[UD Guidance Regarding potential interactions with federal immigration officials](#)

Updates from the CGPS/ISSS website

- [Federal Actions updates](#)
- [2026 Announcements](#)

AAUP/AFT National

- [Academic Freedom Field Guide | AAUP](#)
- [Fact sheet on dealing with ICE on your campus](#) (AAUP General Counsel)
- [Fact sheet on rights and risks for workers who are in the United States on visas](#) (AFT)
- [Issue brief on immigration-related campus concerns](#) (American Council on Education)
- [Know Your Rights flyers](#) (AFL-CIO)