## AAUP Forum on SB 202 and Academic Freedom in Indiana Thursday, 2/15/24, 5:30, Zoom

Indiana State Conference of the American Association of University Professors (ICAAUP)

Colleagues, Senate Bill SB-202, currently moving rapidly through the Indiana legislature, is a significant attack on tenure and academic freedom at all public universities in Indiana. See the story from Indiana Public Media, Senate bill could change tenure dramatically. Among other harmful things, it will impose mandatory post-tenure review on all faculty. The threat to academic freedom and to the standing of Hoosier higher education is real, and imminent.

The Ball State chapter of the AAUP's <u>Statement on Indiana SB 202</u> offers more detail on the dangers of the bill and why the AAUP strongly opposes it. The chapters at Purdue-West Lafayette and IU-Bloomington have issued a <u>joint statement</u> in opposition. The <u>ICAAUP</u> <u>website</u> is tracking actions and statements from chapters, faculty senates, and some university presidents.

The ICAAUP will host a virtual statewide discussion of SB 202 from 5:30-6:30 this coming Thursday, featuring <u>State Senator Shelli Yoder</u> and <u>State Representative Matt Pierce</u>. both of whom are also faculty.

This is a public event, so feel free to share this announcement widely. However, everyone must register to obtain the Zoom link on Thursday.

- Date and time: Thursday, February 15, 5:30 6:30 pm (Eastern)
- Format: Remarks from the two speakers, followed by Q&A and general discussion
- You may prefer to register with their personal email rather than your institutional one
- You may also use the <u>registration form</u> to submit questions for our speakers or the ICAAUP.

Please join us this Thursday and invite everyone you know that cares about preserving academic freedom in our state.