

Howard Bunsis

Why do I want to serve EMU faculty as union president?

Because I am a committed unionist who believes that we are better off if we work together. The university is better when the faculty voice is strongest, and in my time serving you, I believe we have enhanced that faculty voice.

From the time I led our faculty on strike as your president in 2006, I have dedicated myself to making your voice stronger, to help deliver a quality education to our students. I have worked for you as a member of the negotiating team on the last 5 faculty contracts, every time leading the way as financial analyst.

I have stood with other unions at EMU, and I have worked with Faculty Senate and students to protest EMU's continuing participation in division-1 football. I have a national profile on this and other labor issues, and I will continue to demand that resources go into the classroom, not the football field.

When I got involved in union leadership in 2003, the EMU-AAUP was out of money, had stopped paying dues to the national AAUP, and was in disarray. In the time since, we have become one of the strongest unions in academia, with a war chest of close to \$1 million, and we reduced your dues. We have stood up to the EMU administration and board, defending the faculty voice. Many of you know me as a fighter, and I will never stop fighting and standing up for you.

Union Service:

- President, EMU-AAUP, 2005 to 2008; 2010 to 2012 to 2014
- Treasurer, EMU-AAUP, 2003 to 2004; 2010 to 2012; 2014-present
- Member, EMU-AAUP negotiating team, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2012 2016. Presented the results of the contract settlements to the faculty for each of those negotiations
- Made presentations to the EMU faculty on the financial condition of EMU
- Made presentations to the EMU faculty on health care options
- Chair, National AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress, 2009 to present (83 AAUP unions)
- Treasurer, National AAUP, 2006 to 2012
- Member, National AAUP Executive Committee, 2006 to present
- Made presentations at dozens of universities around the country, focusing on university finances, Recently, presented at WMU, the AAUP Governance Conference, the PA and IL AAUP State Conferences, Northern Illinois, University of Oregon, Cal State, Univ. of Washington, UIC, UIUC
- Presented at every National AAUP Summer Institute from 2006 to 2016, helping faculty understand university finances; also presented on health care and other negotiating topics

Department, College, and Professional Service:

- Faculty adviser for Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Club for the last 17 years, and we have achieved Superior Status for each of those years.
<https://www.emich.edu/univcomm/releases/release.php?id=1477062305>
- Member of department personnel committee, 2010 to present
- Chaired five search committees for new accounting faculty and head, 2010 to 2015
- Organize and preside over the Department of Accounting Golf outing for the last 10 years
- Chair, College of Business Faculty Advisory Council, 2010 to 2011
- Serve on the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, current
- Served on the University Budget Council, 2012 to 2014