

**MEHMET E. YAYA** – Candidate for EMU-AAUP Treasurer  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics

Statement

I am seeking the treasurer position at the EMU-AAUP. I have served our local chapter's executive committee as the at-large member for the last two terms. During this time, I have proudly served our members. I have represented the AAUP-EMU at the Board of Regents meetings, grievance hearings, Faculty Senate, Michigan-AAUP State Conference meetings, and the AAUP National Meetings as two term council member of the Michigan District. In December 2013, I have worked on a research on the factors influencing the student retention and tied the issue to strong faculty base at my presentation at the Faculty Affairs meeting. I have also worked on Right-To-Work legislations in which I compare and contrast the state variations in the implementation of these legislations. Prior to the 2015 Negotiations, I have organized a panel discussion where local union activists discussed the impact of right to work legislation. Furthermore, I had the opportunity to attend two AAUP Summer workshops in which I concentrate on the contract negotiations. In 2012 and 2015, I was elected to be the member of the Michigan District of the AAUP National Council. At the national level, I was part of the ad-hoc committee on hiring a Senior Higher Education Researcher position of the AAUP national office. I am also involved the Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession. If elected, I will be determined to serve our members locally and nationally by reminding them the importance of our union and uniting them with one purpose: protecting rights of labor.

Service

*Union*

- EMU-AAUP Contract Negotiating Team, 2015
- Bargaining Council Member, Right to Work Subcommittee, 2015.
- AAUP National Council Member, Michigan District III, 2013-Present
  - Ad Hoc Committee on hiring and Senior Higher Education Researcher
  - Member of the Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession
- AAUP Michigan Member 2013-Present
- EMU-AAUP Executive Committee At-Large Member 2012-Present
- Bargaining Council Member, Workload Subcommittee, 2012.

*College and University*

- Undergraduate Symposium Steering Committee (2014-15)
- Graduate Council (2011-12);
- College Advisory Council (CAC) 2009-2011, had served in the ad-hoc subcommittee for BA/BS and Dual Degree proposal;
- Served as ad-hoc reviewer for Graduate Fair 2010, 2011.

*Department*

- Personnel Committee Member 2012-Present;
- Undergraduate Instruction Committee Member 2009-12;
- Ad-hoc Committee on Hiring 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016
- Academic Review Coordinator 2010-2011.
- Current adviser for Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) 2009-Present.

*Community Service*

- Actively involved with Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan (TACAM), served as executive board member in 2010-2011 and Treasurer 2013-Present;