

AAUP Tennessee conference online meeting, Spring 2025

April 26, 2025

From 9-1 pm CST

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Business meeting agenda (times are in Central time)

- **9:00am (10:00am Eastern time)** Chat, wait for members to join
- **9:05-9:10** Treasurer report (Dora Estes, Treasurer)
- **9:10-9:15** Using conference development grant (Josie McQuail TTU retired)
- **9:15-9:25** Various budget issues (recruiting, newsletter, webpage)

Break

9:25-9:30

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- **9:30** News about community colleges (Dave Johnson, Vol State, VP community colleges)
 - **9:35** Questions
- **9:40** News about 4 year public colleges (Cynthia George TSU VP public universities)
 - **9:45** Questions
- **9:50** News about other colleges
 - **9:55** Questions
- **10:00** Brief accounts on current events:
 - TTU elimination of German and French languages
 - ICE on Campus
 - Student visa elimination
 - NSF and NIH firings and grant cuts
 - Other ...

10:40-10:55 Break

- **10:55** Introduction (Máté Wierdl, President)
- **11:00-11:45** John Wilson:
 - How Government Censorship and Campus Obedience Endanger Academic Freedom.
 - How the Trump administration attacks on campuses endanger Academic Freedom — and implications for Tennessee.
 - Administrators use this opportunity to seize control and undermine shared governance and free speech with the government investigations as an excuse.
 - Anticipatory Obedience.
 - **11:45-12:10** Questions

John K. Wilson was 2019-20 fellow, University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement and is a contributing author, Academe blog, and is also a member of the Illinois AAUP's Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

Adjourn at 12:10