CFA
CAMPUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION

UNITING FOR THE FUTURE

Matt Taves, Assistant Professor, Animal Science joined the CFA because....

"Higher ed can be a place that promotes exploration of social and scientific ideas, and the dream is to be at a top institution, doing this work with students, staff, and colleagues. But clearly that future is under threat. Higher ed and free speech are under attack, especially for non-citizens and other marginalized groups.

We need to protect each other, and a union is a really powerful way to maximize our ability to do that for ourselves and for our larger community."

Who are the CFA?

The CFA are tenure-stream faculty from departments across the campus who have come together to unionize and form a union.

In 2026, the CFA officially launched an organizing campaign to become a recognized union representing tenure-stream faculty on campus.

We are fighting for academic freedom, immigrant and junior scholars, shared governance, fighting to save higher ed, fair pay, and a quality working environment.

Did you Know?

There are R-1 Faculty Unions across 20 states!

Why the IFT-AFT?

The Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) represents all of the tenure-stream faculty at Illinois' public higher education institutions.

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) represents over 80% of all tenure-stream faculty units that have union representation in the U.S.

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