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Update on the Search for a BOR President

On December 28, the BOR's Search Committee (RSC) announced the members of the Systemwide Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC will provide input and suggestions to the RSC regarding the selection of a new president. The Regents' Search Committee and the Systemwide Advisory Committee met on December 20, 2012 with the search consultants.

The RSC hopes to recommend a candidate to Governor Dannel P. Malloy, the appointing authority, in the month of April, with the goal of having the candidate start at the Board of Regents by mid-to-late summer.

For more information, including a list of individuals serving on the Systemwide Advisory Committee, click [here](#).

Update on the Transfer & Articulation Policy (TAP)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee held a discussion about recommendations from the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) related to TAP at its meeting on December 7, 2012. In response to the recommendations from the FAC, the Committee agreed to add the following language to the motion for consideration by the full BOR: "WHEREAS, the Framework will continue to be considered for ratification at each ConnSCU institution in accordance with each campus' governance process, to be completed no later than February 15, 2013." However, please note that the motion does not make BOR approval of the TAP framework contingent on ratification by the individual campuses.

Read the full minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting [here](#).

BOR to Consider Sizeable Tuition Increase

It has been reported by several media outlets that the Board of Regents

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is considering a tuition and fee increase of up to 12.4 percent. The BOR is discussing several different options. There is no proposal up for a vote at this time.

Read more at:

[State Tuition Increases Possible, Maybe Even Double Digits \(Hartford Courant\)](#)

[Double-digit tuition increases being considered by college system \(CT Mirror\)](#)

Introducing the New, Restructured National AAUP

From www.aaup.org

As of January 1, 2013, the AAUP has reorganized into three interlocked entities under one umbrella. This change will better align its legal status with its evolving activities, its changing membership, and its ambitious aims for future programs and services. The organization expects that it will allow the more vigorous pursuit of fundraising, legislative lobbying at federal and state levels, program development, and union-related activities.

The three new entities are the [AAUP Foundation](#), the [AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress](#), and the [AAUP](#).

The foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will seek to raise funds to support programs and education, advancing the traditional AAUP principles of academic freedom and shared governance, defining fundamental professional values and standards for higher education, and ensuring higher education's contribution to the common good.

The AAUP-CBC, previously an arm of the AAUP, is now its own organization, a labor union. As has been the case in the past, all AAUP chapters that engage in collective bargaining will be eligible to be members of the AAUP-CBC. The AAUP-CBC's mission is to support unionization as the most effective means for academic employees to protect shared governance and academic freedom, uphold professional standards and values, and promote higher education as an investment in our common future.

The AAUP itself, to which all individual members belong, has become a 501(c)(6) professional organization. The AAUP will continue to organize and support non-collective-bargaining "advocacy" chapters and carry out work to defend academic freedom and shared governance, including policy development, investigations, and amicus briefs. [State AAUP conferences](#) will remain, and their operations will not be changed by restructuring.

Want to know more about the details of restructuring? Information is [here](#).