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Board of Regents News

Campus Faculty and Staff Survey

The Board of Regents distributed a 40 question survey on February 15 ([link to the survey](#)). According to the email from President Austin, the survey was designed by Maguire Associates, a research-based consulting firm that focuses on education and works primarily with colleges and universities. Maguire Associates has been retained by the Board of Regents to assist with enrollment management projections, analysis and other strategic services.

Responses must be completed no later than Monday, February 25.

Tuition Increase

At its Finance Meeting on February 19, the BOR discussed a tuition increase of 5.1%. Board members want more information before voting, so the Committee will meet again on March 5. The full Board of Regents will vote on a tuition increase on March 21. A few students attended the February 19 meeting to protest the increase and they are organizing a walkout on March 21 if tuition is increased.

For more information, see "[Tuition increase isn't final --- yet \(CT Post\)](#)" or "[Tuition Hike Likely](#)" (video from NBC Connecticut).

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Campaign for the Future of Higher Education

The AAUP is proud to be part of the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education, which has just released three working papers on new ways to fund higher education. We hope you will read, share, and comment on these three papers. While they are not AAUP reports and don't necessarily represent AAUP positions, we think they are an important part of a much-needed national dialogue.

Quality public higher education was once accessible to most Americans able to benefit from it. Taxpayers funded public colleges and universities sufficiently so that students who were prepared to work a few hours a week could complete their degrees with a minimum amount of debt. This system worked for decades and opened the door to opportunity for millions of Americans.

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Now, we are told we can no longer afford this. We believe that is wrong.

The Campaign for the Future of Higher Education seeks to involve faculty in the search for better solutions than funding cuts, privatization, soaring tuition, and academic shut-downs. The three new working papers aim at stimulating a more thoughtful, fact-based, national conversation about paying for higher education.

See all three working papers at www.futureofhighered.org/workingpapers and please add your voice to the conversation by leaving a comment on the website.