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Students & CSU-AAUP Protesting Tuition Increases



CSU Professors Send Open Letter Regarding Missions

The Finance Committee of the Board of Regents is meeting on March 14 to vote on a proposed tuition increase. The agenda for the meeting, including a presentation on the ConnSCU Tuition and Fee Recommendations, can be found [here](#). The presentation includes financial data about the institutions, and it points to a reduction in state funding along with salary increases and retirement changes for employees as reasons for the tuition increase. Once the Finance Committee makes its recommendation, the full Board of Regents will meet to vote on this matter on March 21.

CSU students and faculty have begun protesting the proposed increases. Rallies were held at CCSU (March 11), SCSU (March 13), and WCSU (March 13). Faculty have spoken at the rallies about the rising costs of higher education and the negative impact it will have on our students.

[CCSU students rally against proposed tuition, fee, housing increases](#) (*CT Mirror*)

[Students At Central Protest Tuition Increase](#) (*Hartford Courant*)

CSU-AAUP is providing buttons (see at the left) for students to wear at the full Board of Regents meeting on March 21. In addition, CSU-AAUP is finalizing an op-ed for faculty.

CSU-AAUP is encouraging faculty to attend the Board of Regents meeting on March 21 to support the students. The meeting will be held at 10:00 at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford. If you require more information, please contact Ellen Benson at bensonell@ccsu.edu.

By now, you have probably seen the [open letter](#) from all of our CSU Professors regarding the mission statement adopted by the Board of Regents. Concern over the ConnSCU Vision, Mission, and Goals statement has also been raised in the [Faculty Advisory Committee's report](#) to the Higher Education Committee and [CSU-AAUP's testimony](#) to the Higher Education Committee.

[Top faculty at state colleges: 'Dangerous signs ... we are being downgraded'](#) (*CT Mirror*)

[Professors, Students Protesting At State's Four Regional Universities](#) (*Hartford Courant*)