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Planning Commission For Higher Ed Crafts Draft Strategic Plan

The Planning Commission for Higher Education was created by state statute in 2011 “to develop and ensure the implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education in Connecticut.” The Commission been meeting regularly since March 2103, and recently released a [draft strategic plan](#) with the hope of finalizing the plan in mid-November.

There are several issues of concern in the plan, including:

- Making the Planning Commission a permanent entity with the authority of establishing goals for higher education.
- Allowing the Planning Commission the authority of determining whether or not an institution has done enough to meet goals.
- Incentive payments for public institution for improving productivity with unrealistic goals such as expecting CSU to increase their enrollment by 950 students (56%) by 2025.

CSU-AAUP leaders plan to meet with legislative leaders to discuss our concerns about the [draft strategic plan](#).

Upcoming BOR Committee Agendas

The **Academic & Student Affairs Committee** of the Board of Regents will meet on Thursday, October 2 at 9:30 am at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford. The [agenda](#) includes:

- New policy: Normalize Credit Hours for Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Programs
- Modification of MBA-Concentration in Accounting – WCSU
- New Programs
 - a. Business Administration – B.S. – Charter Oak SC
 - b. Psychology – B.S. – Charter Oak SC
 - c. Applied Behavior Analysis – M.S. – Western CSU

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Upcoming BOR
Committee
Agendas**

- Continuation of State University Centers and Institutes – 5-Year Review Reports
 - a. Center for Teaching and Faculty Development – CCSU
 - b. David M. Roth Center for Connecticut Studies – ECSU
 - c. Center for Communication Disorders – SCSU
 - d. Center of Autism Spectrum Disorders – SCSU
 - e. Meteorological Studies and Weather Center – WCSU
 - f. Institute for Financial Literacy – WCSU
- Discontinuation of State University Centers and Institutes
 - a. David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute – ECSU
 - b. Center for Financial Forensics and Information Security– WCSU
 - c. Center for Graphics Research – WCSU
- Promotion & Tenure Recommendation – CCSU

The complete agenda and supporting materials can be found [here](#).

The **Finance & Infrastructure Committee** will meet on Tuesday, October 7, at 9:30 am at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford. The [agenda](#) includes:

- CSUS 2020 Update
- FY15 Budget Risks and Opportunities
- FY15 Fee Adjustment at Charter Oak State College
- FY16 – FY17 Biennium Budget Options

The complete agenda and supporting materials can be found [here](#).

**FYI for Those in
Defined
Contribution
Plans: ING
Changes Its Name
to Voya**

Defined contribution plans are voluntary retirement savings plans that permit you to defer income into the retirement plan either on a pre-tax basis or after-tax (Roth) basis. ING managed the program for the State for many years, but at the beginning of the month, ING re-branded to “Voya.”

For further assistance, contact a Voya representative or your HR office. You can also find more information [here](#).