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THIS WEEK'S POLL: Did you know that the state offers supplemental benefits to its employees?

Union News

CT Board of Regents for Higher Education Meet for the First Time

The Board of Regents for Higher Education held its first meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at Central Connecticut State University even though the Board is not fully constituted. Opening comments were made by the Chairman of the Board, Lewis Robinson and Interim President of the Board, Robert Kennedy.

The only item on the agenda that required voting was to ratify the actions of the Board of Trustees for the CSU System, the Community Technical College System, and Charter Oak since July 1, 2011, as is the process established by the legislation creating the Board of Regents. The actions were all approved as one package.

The Board held an open forum for students, staff, and faculty which was sparsely attended. The only question asked was by the CCSU-AAUP President Jason Jones regarding how funding will be redirected to hire more full-time, tenure-track faculty given the number of special appointments and financial health of the institutions. President Kennedy responded that they are in the process of examining the budgets and will take that into consideration.

The website for the Board of Regents is www.ctregents.org. You can find biographical information about the members of the Board and their meeting schedule on the website.

State's Supplemental Benefits

Did you know that in addition to the basic benefits that the State provides, state employees can also sign up for supplemental benefits, including short term disability insurance, long term disability insurance, auto and homeowners insurance, universal life insurance, term life insurance, and long term care insurance?

The Program is designed to complement the benefits provided by the State. All benefits are available on a voluntary basis and are paid entirely by the employee through the convenience of payroll deduction.

To find out more, visit the [Comptroller's website](#).

**Connecticut Lobbying
Conference**

30th Annual Connecticut Lobbying Conference

Thursday, October 27, 2011

8:30 – 4:30 PM

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence St., Hartford, CT

As you know, CSU-AAUP advocates for our members at the General Assembly, but the best advocate for CSU-AAUP is YOU. This year alone, we are facing a major transition: the dissolution of the CSUS Board of Trustees as CSU, the Community Colleges, and Charter Oak are all now under purview of the Board of Regents.

Learn the nuts and bolts of advocacy at this conference! You will have the opportunity to learn more about how state government operates, improve your advocacy skills, or simply network with legislative leaders and influential lobbyists.

To view the program, see www.bettygallo.com. **If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact your local AAUP office before October 14.**