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CSU-AAUP Begins Public Relations Initiative

CSU faculty are often an overlooked resource for the State of Connecticut. In addition to teaching a four course load per semester, they engage in original research, often providing valuable opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to participate in their research. CSU faculty serve as valuable resources in their communities, by performing service and research that assists local organizations and/or governmental entities. Yet, these contributions are often unacknowledged in the public discourse on higher education in our state.

CSU-AAUP recently contracted with the public relations firm McDowell Jewett Communications to begin sharing the stories of CSU-AAUP members with the State Legislature and the general public. With the help of the public relations firm, CSU-AAUP hopes to increase the presence and recognition of CSU faculty in the local media. It is our goal to supplement the efforts of the Marketing & Communication offices of the BOR and four universities rather than replace or compete with them. CSU-AAUP's campaign will be entirely focused on the members we represent.

We will be sharing the positive news generated from this campaign in our weekly newsletters! Also be sure to follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook for more frequent updates.

BOR Committee Meetings

The Board of Regents for Higher Education **Academic and Student Affairs Committee** will meet at 9:30 am on November 8, at 61 Woodland Street, Hartford. The agenda packet has been posted online. The agenda includes action on the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Communication at CCSU and naming the Nanotechnology Center as a new Center of Excellence at SCSU. Also included on the agenda is an update on the Safety Assessment and Security Consulting Services.

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The **Executive Committee** of the BOR will meet at 8:00 a.m. on November 12, at 39 Woodland St., Hartford. The agenda packet has been posted online. The Committee will view a presentation regarding the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) and hear an update from BOR President, Dr. Gregory Gray. The Committee will also be acting on revised standing committee responsibilities, which can be reviewed in the attachments included in the agenda packet.

The **Finance Committee** will meet at 11:00 am on November 12, at 61 Woodland Street, Hartford. The agenda packet has been posted online. The Committee will view a presentation, FY2012 Facilities MB&A Presentation by Sightlines LLC, which appears to be an analysis of ConnSCU facilities. The Committee will also receive information on the FY2014 first quarter and an update on CSUS 2020 (bonding to improve facilities). The Committee will take action on two items: (1) use of reserves and insurance proceeds by SCSU for renovations at Buley Library, and (2) update to the 2007 Comprehensive Campus Master Plan for WCSU. Attachments are included in the agenda packet.

Additionally, the BOR **Information Technology Committee** met on Monday, November 4. The IT Committee's agenda included a report from the CIO, a project update of Blackboard migration, a project update of wireless in the dorms, a discussion of IT Governance Meeting on November 8th, a discussion of Annual Information Security Reporting process, an update of VoIP Project for CSUs, an update on Network Convergence Project for CSUs, and an update on BOR Security Program.