



THIS WEEK'S POLL:

With unions in the national spotlight, are you concerned about losing your rights to collectively bargain?

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Hearings at the Capitol; Contact Your Legislators



The sea of bright green CSU t-shirts



SCSU Faculty member Debby Emmelman testifying

CSU-AAUP helped to coordinate the attendance of over 300 students, faculty, and staff at the Appropriations hearing on CSU's budget on February 28 and another 150 on March 10 at a Higher Education hearing on the proposed reorganization. A direct result of this action was that Higher Education Commissioner Mike Meotti said in his public testimony that a particularly damaging part of the reorganization plan—a proposal that gives the Higher Education CEO the authority to move funds from any institution's budget to any other institution's budget—could be removed from the proposal. During the public hearing on March 10, Senator Beth Bye, co-chair of the Higher Education Committee, told a student that this was a direct result of the attention paid to this issue by the CSU students and faculty.

The Higher Education Committee will be voting on the reorganization bill, [SB1011](#), very soon. Please respond to CSU-AAUP's call to action and call or email a legislator on the Higher Education Committee ([click here for the members of the committee and contact information](#)) with our [concerns for the bill](#).

Upcoming Events

[Governor Malloy's Town Hall Meetings](#) coming to a city near you:

NEW HAVEN, March 23, 7-8 PM, Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church Street

WINDHAM, March 30, 7-8 PM, Town Hall Auditorium, 979 Main St.

NEW BRITAIN, April 5, 7-8PM, Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St.

DANBURY, April 6, 7-8PM, City Hall Council Chambers, 155 Deer Hill Ave.

State employees are encouraged to speak out. If you are committed to attending and waiting in line to ask a question or make a comment on behalf of your co-workers, please contact [Ellen Benson](#) for talking points.

Ohio To Take Away Faculty Collective Bargaining Rights

On March 2, 2011, the State Senate in Ohio voted 17–16 for an amended Senate Bill 5 (SB 5) that significantly curtails collective bargaining rights for public employees and **severely restricts the current rights of full-time university faculty to bargain collectively** (extant Ohio labor law already prohibits part-time faculty and graduate-student employees from collectively bargaining). Read [more](#).

You can also go to our [website](#) and see what we are doing to fight back! Or [join National AAUP on Facebook](#) to read updates and post news about what is happening in your state.

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