



THIS WEEK'S FACEBOOK QUESTION: Should adjunct faculty have a major role in shared governance?

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Higher Education Consolidation Committee Discusses Reorganization

The Higher Education Consolidation Committee, consisting of legislators from the Higher Education and Appropriations Committees, held a meeting with Michael Meotti (Executive Vice President for the Board of Regents), Jane Ciarleglio (Vice President of Office of Financial and Academic Affairs), and several of the Presidents of Community Colleges on Thursday, November 10. This meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Mr. Meotti assured the legislators that many organizational decisions will be made at the next Board meeting on December 20, especially relating to the staffing at the System Offices and filling the two Vice President positions (one of which will serve as a liaison to CSU and the other to the Community Colleges). Mr. Meotti also told legislators that the Board will present a plan for preservation of institutional missions in early January, which will include input from the institutions, faculty, students, and advisory committees among others.

The Consolidation Committee will be meeting again in mid-January and plans to hear CSU and the Board of Regents at that meeting. It was also noted that the public can e-mail questions for next meeting.

AAUP Subcommittee on Contingent Faculty and Governance Presents Preliminary Recommendations

At its Shared Governance Conference this past weekend, the AAUP Subcommittee on Contingent Faculty and Governance discussed its preliminary recommendations for a new statement of principles concerning adjunct faculty.

Peter Schmidt of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that “Among other ideas, the subcommittee said faculty senates and committees, and their leadership positions, generally should be open to any academic employees who do the work of faculty members, including adjuncts and librarians who participate in teaching and research. All faculty members, regardless of job status, should have a full vote in elections to such governing bodies. And because elections and offices would be open to all, the subcommittee said, that no seats on the governing bodies should be set aside for certain faculty members based on job status.” Read the full article [here](#).