



Union News

Rally At The Board Of Regents In Hartford



Close to 200 CSU-AAUP faculty members and students rallied at the Board of Regents offices Dec. 3, 2015, to protect quality public higher education and a show support for a fair contract for faculty at the CSUs. State Rep. Peter Tercyak spoke to the crowd and called on faculty to continue to share their voice and fight for public higher education. Just before the start of the meeting, BOR President Mark Ojakian walked through the protesters with a broad smile on his face as he made his way into the meeting.



The protest received abundant media coverage and saw extra police protection called to the scene. Though protests were peaceful, they were noisy. To be sure, the BOR heard faculty and students loud and clear.

[Click here to see media coverage from the protest.](#)

Remember contract proposals and Table Talk are posted on the [CSU-AAUP website](#). To see more BOR protest photos, click [here](#).

Quote Of The Year Award Goes To...

We are pleased to announce that at its December 10, 2015, meeting the CSU-AAUP Council gave, by unanimous vote, its 2015 Quotation of the Year Award to the following statement made by Mr. Nicholas M. Donofrio, Chairman of the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, at the Board's meeting in Hartford on December 3, 2015.

“Nobody argues about the need for a liberal arts base in education. I mean, everyone does have to be able to walk, talk and chew gum at some point in time—as well as whatever else they do for a living if it's different.”

Take Action!

If the above quote irks you, visit [CT-HigherEd.com](#) and take action! The website's action page provides an easy way for you to email Donofrio and all the administration about what you think of his comments on a liberal arts education. Just click “email all” to make an impact!

Statement On BOR Proposals Passed By Faculty Senates

The Faculty/University Senates at Southern, Central and Western have endorsed a statement critical of the Board of Regents current contract proposals. The statement is posted at [CSUAAUP.org](#) and on [Facebook](#). To see the statement, [click here](#).

Remember we are stronger together!

Save The Date!

It's not over yet! There are still many disturbing proposals left on the negotiating table! **Jan. 21 will be the next CSU-AAUP action** at the Board of Regents General Meeting. Please save the date!



The meeting starts at 10 a.m. at 61 Woodland Street – the same place where we rallied earlier this month.

Details to follow soon!

Also, please consider scheduling an **open day—February 3**—into your syllabus for the spring semester. An action is being planned that can benefit your students in an educational and informative way.

Neither you nor your students should miss this upcoming event so please save the date and schedule it into your syllabus.

Details on the open day coming soon!

CSU Faculty Make Appearance On WNPR's Where We Live

CSU faculty members took to the airways on December 14 to appear on WNPR's [Where We Live](#) to discuss the future of public higher education in Connecticut in the context of the ongoing CSU-AAUP contract negotiations. If you missed hearing them, but want to listen to the broadcast, please follow this [link](#).



Read Table Talk Online Anytime

[Table Talk](#) provides CSU-AAUP members regular updates on developments in contract negotiation sessions. To date, there have been seven negotiating sessions. Table Talk is written by members of the CSU-AAUP negotiating team and is distributed to members and also posted on the CSU-AAUP website for reference. Full contract proposals from both the Board of Regents and the CSU-AAUP are also posted at [csuaaup.org](#).