



*A Voice For Faculty*

# Capitol Monitor

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## Public Hearing on Bill to Include Faculty on the BOR

On Monday, March 14, there was a public hearing on SB 867, *An Act Concerning Faculty Representation on the Board of Regents for Higher Education*. This bill, initiated by CSU-AAUP, proposes that the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) be ex-officio, nonvoting members of the BOR. The legislation also proposes that there be two faculty representatives, appointed by the FAC, on all standing and special committees of the BOR except those responsible for personnel matters.

Vijay Nair, CSU-AAUP President, testified in support of the bill ([view testimony](#)), in addition to Faculty Advisory Committee members Stephen Adair ([view testimony](#)) and Patricia O'Neill ([view testimony](#)). BOR Chairman, Lewis Robinson, provided [written testimony](#) in opposition to the bill, but he was not present for the hearing.

CSU-AAUP distributed a legislative alert on Monday, March 19, asking all of our faculty to write to the members of the Higher Education Committee in support of this bill. See the text of the alert and contact information for legislators [here](#).

## Agenda for Higher Education Hearing on March 19

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will meet on March 19 at 2pm in Hearing Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building to hear testimony on the bills that follow. Electronic testimony can be submitted to [HEDTestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:HEDTestimony@cga.ct.gov) (please note which bill you are testifying on).

H.B. No. 6648 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

S.B. No. 1045 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM.

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H.B. No. 6491 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT REGARDING ADMINISTRATORS.

H.B. No. 6655 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY.

S.B. No. 904 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALLY COORDINATED CONTEXTUALIZED LEARNING AND CAREER PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIPS.

S.B. No. 970 (RAISED) AN ACT EXEMPTING THE ADDRESSES OF CERTAIN UCONN HEALTH CENTER EMPLOYEES FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

S.B. No. 974 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIOMEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURING.

S.B. No. 1044 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

S.B. No. 1139 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

H.B. No. 5426 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

H.B. No. 6292 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

H.B. No. 6430 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL COUNCIL TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

H.B. No. 6562 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION AND TRANSITION TO COLLEGE.

H.B. No. 6563 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS.

H.B. No. 6604 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT FEES.

H.B. No. 6605 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF EXPENSES.

## Bills: Week of 3/11

*"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"*

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. Track the bill so you know when public hearings are scheduled.

### **H.B. No. 6648 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Statement of Purpose:** To permit the Board of Regents for Higher Education to appoint its own president, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

### **H.B. No. 5499 (COMM): AN ACT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS TO TUTOR CHILDREN IN ALLIANCE DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

**Statement of Purpose:** To encourage potential educators to help those students most in need.

### **H.B. No. 5911 (COMM): AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN**

**Statement of Purpose:** To encourage students in teacher preparation programs to become specialized in the teaching of gifted and talented children.

### **H.B. No. 6655 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**Statement of Purpose:** To improve the safety and security of Connecticut's colleges and universities.

### **S.B. No. 205 (COMM): AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Statement of Purpose:** To increase graduation rates of student athletes at public institutions of higher education.

### **S.B. No. 333 (COMM): AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND DROP-OUT RATES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENTS AT THE REGIONAL-COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

**Statement of Purpose:** To study the correlation between student attendance and drop-out rates in relation to student financial aid disbursements at the regional community-technical colleges.

### **S.B. No. 1139 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**Statement of Purpose:** To eliminate the requirement that nonprofit independent institutions of higher education authorized to operate in this state for more than twenty years obtain approval from the State Board of Education to implement new and revised academic programs.

## **What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?**

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. State Initiatives to Address Aging Prisoners
2. Case Statistics for Firearms-Related Offenses
3. Hydraulic Fracturing

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