



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

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Bill to Allow Faculty on the Board of Regents

On March 26, the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee met and amended SB 867, *An Act Concerning Faculty Representation on the Board of Regents for Higher Education*. The amended bill allows for the chair and vice chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board of Regents. However, it removes the language allowing for faculty representation on any BOR committees.

The original bill would have had two faculty members on all subcommittees of the BOR, except those dealing directly with personnel matters. While this amended bill is not ideal, it is an improvement over current practice. However, CSU-AAUP will continue to work towards legislation allowing faculty representation on the Academic & Student Affairs Committee of the BOR during this legislative session.

Higher Ed Committee Meeting 3/26

In addition to SB 867 mentioned above, the Higher Education Committee also recommended for approval the following two bills: HB 6491, *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* and HB 6605, *AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF EXPENSES*.

Both bills are the subject of the following *Connecticut Mirror* article:

[Legislators: No more blank check for college presidents](#)

Commerce Committee Meeting 3/26

CSU-AAUP has been following S.B. No. 1080, *AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND THE TENURE REVIEW PROCESS IN THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION* because the stated purpose was to require the state's higher education institutions to recognize the commercialization activities of faculty members during the tenure review process.

On March 26, the Commerce Committee met and amended the bill. The new title of the bill is *An Act Requiring an annual report on Technology Transfer in State of Connecticut*. The bill now applies solely to the University of Connecticut and requires reporting. The substitute language can be viewed [here](#).

File: Week of 3/25

Please note that once a bill becomes a file it possibly could go to the House or Senate floor within two days to be voted on.

File 237: *An Act Concerning the Board of Regents For Higher Education*. The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. Gun-Free School Zones
2. Sentencing for Gun-Related Crimes
3. Right to Bear Arms under the Connecticut Constitution