

A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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Speak Out On The Proposed Reorganization

Why does AAUP oppose the proposal?

- AAUP supports the Governor's goals for the restructuring, but we do not believe the restructuring as outlined will achieve those goals. Read more of AAUP's response [here](#).

PRI Report on CSU Admin

Public Hearing: Week of March 7

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Hearing on the Governor's Proposal to Reorganize Higher Education (Combining CSU with the Community-Technical Colleges and Charter Oak under one Board of Regents), **SB 1011: March 10 (11am)**. CSU-AAUP and SUOAF-AFSCME will be providing bus transportation to the Capitol, free t-shirts and food.

You Can Help:

Print and Post the flyer regarding the Legislative Hearing on the proposed restructuring of higher education.

Encourage colleagues and students to attend.

Ride the bus: The AAUP is sending buses from each campus. Be on it!

People who wish to attend, testify, or take the bus to Hartford should all sign up through the www.csuaaup.org website. The AAUP will be sending one bus from each campus to this hearing.

The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee released a report on Connecticut State University System Administrative Functions on March 1. The report contains a discussion of CSUS and its finances, a detailed analysis of administrative functions and a list of costs saved or avoided by CSUS since 2007. Read it [here](#).

Hearing on the Governor's Tax Package

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 2E of the LOB. All persons planning to testify shall submit 25 copies of written testimony to Committee staff in Room 3700 of the LOB one hour prior to the start of the

hearing. Please submit a PDF or Word version of written testimony to finance@cga.ct.gov by noon on Friday, March 4 2011. The public portion will begin at 11:30 A.M.

H.B. No. 6387 AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

H.B. No. 6388 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT.

S.B. No. 1004 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

S.B. No. 1005 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL RESURFACING AND RELATED RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

S.B. No. 1006 AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

S.B. No. 1007 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON REVENUE.

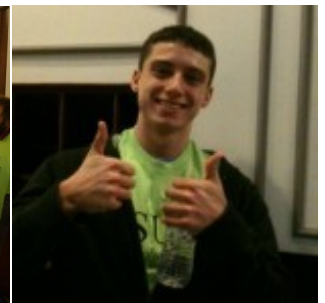
S.B. No. 1008 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Appropriations Committee Hearing

Over three hundred students, faculty, and staff attended the Appropriations Hearing on February 28 to oppose the budget cuts to CSU.

Watch [CSU Students & Faculty Testify at the Appropriations Hearing](#)

Read the [article](#) in the *Hartford Courant*



Report on Special Elections

There are six new House members and three new Senate members. The House now contains 98 democrats and 52 Republicans with one vacancy, and the Senate now contains 22 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

The new legislators and their committee assignments are:

Rep. James Albis – Banks, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Judiciary

Rep. Philip Miller – Environment, Human Services, Public Health

Rep. Robert Sanchez – Education, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Insurance and Real Estate

Rep. Joseph Verrengia – Commerce, Judiciary, Transportation

Rep. Noreen Kokoruda – Education, Energy and Technology, Planning and Development

Rep. Charlie Stallworth – Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Higher Education, Public Health

Sen. Terry Gerratana – Children (C), Judiciary, Public Health (C), Regulations Review

Sen. Carlo Leone – Finance, Revenue and Bonding, General Law (VC), Transportation, Veterans' (C)

Sen. Len Suzio - TBD

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the [Office of Legislative Research](#):

1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSES OF GOVERNOR'S BILLS
2. STATE POLICE CELL PHONE USE AND OFF-DUTY USE OF POLICE VEHICLES
3. HOOKAH LOUNGES
4. SUMMARY OF RAFTOPOL V. RAMEY

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