Learn How to Lobby with Gallo & Robinson:

With the continued decline of state funding for higher education, learning the art of lobbying can be a valuable skill for anyone interested in advocating for quality public higher education. The Connecticut Lobbying Conference, being held in Hartford on Oct. 6, 2016, offers insights and advice from state legislators and staffers on how to be an effective lobbyist, as well as hands-on workshops covering everything from how to pass or kill a bill, working with legislative staff, and lobbying the executive branch. Legislators attend, as well as staff details that are restricted. Please check with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, your local AAUP campus chapter office or call 860-832-3790.

CT Dreamers Hold 3rd Annual Conference:

CSU-AAUP members are invited to attend Connecticut Students for a Dream's third annual Education Conference Nov. 4 at Western Connecticut University in Middletown. Starting at 8 a.m., this day-long conference brings together teachers, community college staff, and success program leaders to learn about educational and immigration, gain practical skills, and take action to advocate with undocumented students. The event is free and open to all of our Tentative agreements negotiated so far. Most state employee contracts were due to expire on June 30, 2016, while ours was August 25, 2016. Following Connecticut General Statute § 5-78a, which authorizes collective bargaining units to negotiate extensions, CSU-AAUP signed a Contract Extension Agreement on July 10, 2016. You can read the agreement and a list of questions that people have been asking about it at the CSU-AAUP website.

With the resignation of Vijay Nair as CSU-AAUP vice president until a special election. Many CSU-AAUP members are up for Renewal, Promotion and Tenure, and Professional Assessment this fall. Please note the following deadlines for submitting relevant materials to the Department Evaluation Committee for consideration:

- Candidates for Promotion must turn in their materials by Oct. 20.
- Penultimate Year Tenure candidates appointed in January must submit materials by Oct. 10.
- Penultimate Year Tenure candidates appointed in August must submit materials by Oct. 20.
- Second-year Renewals appointed in January must submit materials by Oct. 20.
- Faculty up for Professional Assessment must submit materials by Nov. 1.

Note: SCU has a different calendar for submissions. Please click here to see the appropriate deadlines at SCU.

CSU-AAUP Special Election:

With the resignation of Vijay Nair as CSU-AAUP president in May, 2016, Elena Tapia, formerly CSU-AAUP vice president, assumed the role of president. President Tapia appointed Steve Nee from WCSU as acting CSU-AAUP vice president until a special election can be held, as required by the CSU-AAUP Constitution. Therefore, a special election for Vice President will be held this Fall beginning with a request for nominations that should be appearing soon. Any CSU-AAUP member is eligible to run for the vice president position or nominate another member. If you are interested in running, please fill out the nomination form when it is distributed or contact your chapter office.

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