



Union News

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CSU-AAUP Contract Negotiations:

Contract negotiations between the CSU-AAUP and the Board of Regents are continuing on non-economic issues. As reported in the most recent [Table Talk](#): “In light of ongoing progress at the negotiating table, the arbitration deadline has been extended until at least June 1, 2016. This extension of the deadline represents a prudent adjustment in support of our aim to reach a fair resolution to several outstanding issues at the negotiating table.”

Compromise Budget Deal at the Capitol:

With only days left in the 2016 Legislative Session, Democratic leaders in the General Assembly worked through the night to iron out details today of a compromise budget bill that would see spending cuts but no tax or business fee increases. The Democrats’ plan balances the budget and offers businesses voluntary deferred tax credits. [Read the latest Courant report here](#). In a press conference today, House Speaker Brendan Sharkey said Democrats are now seeking to begin negotiations with the governor to talk about creating a budget that legislators will be able to pass and the governor will sign.

Governor Malloy sent his second budget to the legislature April 12. It included \$390 million in additional cuts to close the now \$930 million projected deficit. Not wanting to discuss more budget changes until the April 18 tax receipts were accounted for, the Democrats refused to meet with the governor for bi-partisan budget talks last week. The [Republicans released their budget April 25](#). To complicate matters, tax receipt estimates were expected to rise, but the latest tallies came in lower than expected. Final numbers will not be available until April 30. [Read the report in the CT Mirror here](#).

The sides have until May 4, the end of this legislative session, to agree on a budget.

Calling All Members! Add Your Voice to the Cause:

With ever increasing budget deficits and continued decreases in state support for higher education, **now is an important time for you to reach out personally to your legislators**. They want to hear from their constituents. Republican or democrat, we need to speak loudly and across all parties of the need for continued support for higher education.

Please [Find your legislators, make phone calls or write letters to them](#) and let them know your personal stories about why public higher education in Connecticut should be supported. Your voice, your stories will make a difference!

You can also visit [CT-HigherEdMatters.org](#) and visit the “Action” page for links to key legislative and policy leaders in our state. Let them know what the reality is for CSU students and faculty who make up the heart and soul of our state university system.

AAUP State Conference Annual Meeting and Dinner:

The Annual Spring Dinner and Meeting of the Connecticut State Conference of the AAUP will be held Thursday, May 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Yale Graduate Club, 155 Elm St., New Haven.

This year’s distinguished guest will be James Sleeper, Lecturer in Political Science at Yale University. Dr. Sleeper’s presentation will focus on timely issues: *“Political Correctness in the 2015 Campus Controversies and the 2016 Presidential Campaigns: While the Constitution Protects Free Speech, a Civil Society Rightly Modulates It.”*

Dinner choice includes prime rib or goat cheese polenta with roasted vegetables, beans and spinach. If you are a registered chapter member of AAUP, the \$40 attendance fee for yourself and one guest will be paid by CSU-AAUP and your respective AAUP chapter. Registration may be made by emailing or calling your AAUP chapter office. **Deadline for registration is Monday, May 9, 2016.**

2016 AAUP Annual Conference:

AAUP’s Annual Conference, General Meeting, and Collective Bargaining Congress Meeting is June 15-19 in Washington, D.C. The conference includes panel presentations, guest speakers, lobbying and the annual business meetings of the AAUP.

This year, the conference focuses on racial, social and labor justice in higher education. Two featured guest speakers for the event include Shaun Harper, professor in the Graduate School of Education, Africana Studies, and Gender Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The second guest speaker is William P. Jones, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For more information on the AAUP Annual Conference, [click here](#).

AAUP 2016 Summer Institute Coming to Portland, OR:

Portland State University will host the **2016 AAUP Summer Institute** July 21-24. CSU-AAUP members can join more than 200 higher education professionals from around the country for four days of interactive workshops and programs aimed at providing needed tools that will create positive change on campus and in higher education. For more information, [click here](#).

AAUP Summer Institute is a key ingredient in helping to build CSU-AAUP’s collective faculty voice! For photos from last year’s Summer Institute, see the [AAUP’s Flickr page](#).

COCAL Conference in Alberta, Canada:

The Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL) is a network of North American activists working to improve higher education by improving the work environment of contingent academic laborers. Every other year, COCAL offers an international conference that welcomes approximately 300 delegates from Canada, the U.S., and Mexico.

The 12th COCAL Conference will be held August 5-7, 2016, in Edmonton, Alberta, and is being organized by CUPE Local 3911, who represent the Tutors, Markers, Academic Experts, Lab and Clinical Instructors of Athabasca University. This conference is an excellent opportunity to interact with a diverse group of contingent faculty and staff from across North America. For more information, [click here](#).

Tell Us About Your Summer Plans:

We know our members work hard all summer long and we want the world to know that too! Please let us know about your summer research work, programs and plans. We will write about them on our blog [CSUConnects.org](#) and share your stories on [Facebook](#). Contact [Liz Newberg, CSU-AAUP Communications Associate](#) and she will get the ball rolling to let everyone read all about it.