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**Time to teach! Faculty, students, staff give legislators tips on earning a passing grade**  
*After failing the Republican budget last fall, educators return to the capitol to share a syllabus with lawmakers on how to create a better Connecticut.*

HARTFORD –Fed up with slashed funding and increased costs put on students and families to pay for public higher education, a coalition from Connecticut public universities and colleges will deliver a special syllabus to lawmakers Wednesday morning on the opening day of the 2018 Connecticut General Assembly. Faculty, students, and staff from Connecticut’s public universities and colleges will be at the Capitol to share the syllabus and advise lawmakers on how to create a state that works for all residents - not just the privileged few.

Faculty developed this syllabus for legislators to help them learn how to create a Connecticut where public higher education is accessible and affordable for all residents and maintains the highest standards of quality. **If law makers work hard this session to find alternatives to austerity and the race to the bottom, they can earn a passing grade, rather than another Big. Fat. F!**

**WHO:** Faculty, staff, students from Connecticut State Universities, community colleges and UConn.

**WHAT:** Sharing of the Syllabus with legislators on opening day of the 2018 legislative session

**WHERE:** State Capitol Building, Hartford, in public areas near House and Senate chambers

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

**WHY:** Because austerity is not the answer. When legislators fail to invest in public higher education, they fail the young people of Connecticut and put our state’s future at risk.

“Thriving communities require strong economic and political commitment to public higher education,” said CSU-AAUP President Elena Tapia. “The continued decline in funding today will lead to a decline in achievement, ingenuity, entrepreneurship and leadership tomorrow. And that puts Connecticut at risk of being left behind because public higher education provides Connecticut residents with the knowledge and skills they need to build a bright future for themselves and their families.”

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