



Message From CSU-AAUP President Elena Tapia:

As Academic Year 2017-2018 ends, we find the CSCU system still writhing with growing pains. On April 24, 2018, NEASC essentially said, NO, to Pres. Mark Ojakian's overly ambitious community college consolidation plan.

You might wonder why the faculty at the CSUs should even care about the community colleges. There are many reasons. We're all in the same system now, so if their accreditation is lost or if utter chaos is created through bungled consolidation attempts, we all look bad, and the students suffer.

It's almost summer! More time to talk to and rub elbows with your legislators!

There are legislators in this state who do believe in putting more money back into our system without taking extreme measures such as cuts and consolidations. We need to cultivate those legislators and give them our support in the upcoming primaries.



CSU-AAUP members meet with the New Britain's legislative contingent on the House floor.

Please vote in your primaries, and please vote for people who support collective bargaining and quality public higher education.

Have a safe and productive summer.

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Message From The Faculty Advisory Committee Chair:

This has been a difficult year for our system with the Students First plan to consolidate the community colleges and many back office functions of the CSUs.

You might have heard of a recent attempt to combine the general education curriculum across the system (including the CSUs). After a significant objection from the FAC, the system office has withdrawn this proposal.

Regards,

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Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
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Faculty Speak Out At BOR Meeting:

CSU-AAUP members gathered at the May 10, 2018, Board of Regents meeting to register their dissatisfaction with President Ojakian and the Board of Regents' bungled consolidation plans. Speaking in a standing-room-only meeting, CSU-AAUP President Elena Tapia read portions of the CSU Faculty Leadership Statement that was delivered to the BOR before the meeting.



CSU-AAUP President Elena Tapia speaks with a reporter from NBC-CT before the BOR meeting.

Click here to see a sampling of media coverage from the day.

Legislative Wins For CSU-AAUP:

Adjourning at midnight on May 9, the 2018 legislative session saw some important wins for CSU-AAUP. The passage of SB 4 allowed Dreamers access to institutional financial aid, while collective bargaining rights and binding arbitration continued to be protected.

Bills and amendments that would limit, repeal or weaken those rights to collectively bargain were quashed. But make no mistake, these threats will rear their ugly heads again during the November election and the next legislative session.

For a summary of the major legislative wins that will benefit CSU-AAUP and other unions, as well as working families, please click here.



Your Rights Are Under Threat:

Despite successful legislative pushback this session, your democratic rights to collective bargaining and your faculty voice are at risk. Janus vs. AFSCME is a case being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court; the result if not in the union's favor would seek to rig the rules of our economy and workforce by taking away workers' freedom to join together as a union.

Only by all of us joining together in a union can we have the power to uphold the educational standards our students deserve. Please click here to join or recommit to protecting your right to collective bargaining and to defending quality public higher education.

To read the Amicus Brief filed by national AAUP in partnership with the National Education Association, click here.

Enroll In Summer Workshops With AAUP:

Summer is the perfect time to stop and take a long look at some of the issues facing public higher education. Whether you're a full-time or a part-time CSU-AAUP member, we invite you to spend a few days with us to learn some new skills you could bring to your union.

From July 19 to 22, national AAUP is holding their famous Summer Institute in Durham, NH, at the University of New Hampshire. This year's summer institute in policy, strategy, organizing, and leadership, the workshops featuring this year's experiential will give you the skills and tools you need to build a powerful voice on your campus.

There has never been a better time to learn about the tools that can empower faculty to stand up for AAUP principles and the role of higher education in our democracy.

If you are interested in issues of contingent part-time faculty, please join fellow CSU-AAUP members at the Coalitions of Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL) Conference Aug. 3-5 at San Jose State University in California.

This year's conference is aimed at empowering precarious academic workers with organizing skills and know-how. Plenaries will include: Where We Are Today, Solutions For Ending Precarity, as well as hands-on workshops aimed at improving job security and working conditions for contingent faculty.

If you are interested in attending either of these conferences, please contact your Chapter President by June 4 and let them know you want to attend. Registration has already begun.



CSU-AAUP members work together during an AAUP Summer Institute workshop on non-violent direct action.