



CSU-AAUP Takes Action At Legislature:

CSU-AAUP joined forces recently with other state unions, the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and community advocates to speak to the need for a high-road budget that would prioritize investment over austerity. Your union advocated for investment not cuts to essential public goods like higher education and to stop balancing budgets on the backs of students and their families. [See the news coverage of the press conference here.](#)

Just Say No To Concessions -

On Feb. 20, CSU-AAUP leaders joined with fellow SEBAC unions to issue a statement in the wake of [Governor Lamont's proposed state budget](#). The statement was a resounding no to further concessions as state workers have already made sacrifices that will save the state billions of dollars. [Click here to read the statement from SEBAC unions.](#)

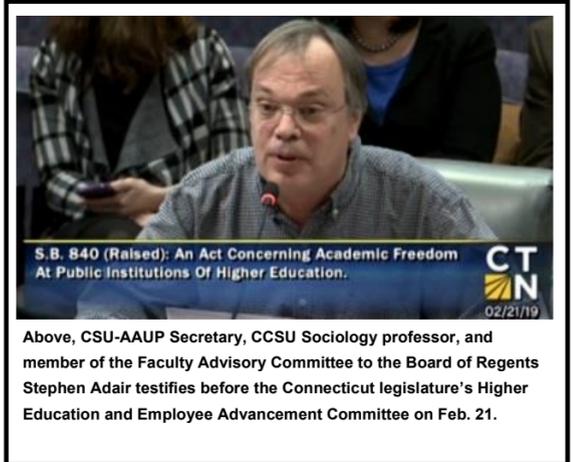
Testimony, Testimony, Testimony -

Committee hearings are underway in the state legislature and union leaders have been busy submitting testimony on a number of bills involving public higher education. These include: a bill requiring legislative approval to merge or close any part of the CSCU system ([SB749](#)); a bill to strengthen academic freedom in public higher education ([SB840](#)); a study on the effectiveness of the Board of Regents ([SB817](#)); removing the unfunded liability fringe benefit costs from the CSCU block grant ([HB7118](#)); and affordable public higher education ([SB274](#)). To read testimony on various bills in the Higher Education Committee, please [click here](#).

Show Us The Money -

Please mark your calendars: the Appropriations Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee will hold a public hearing on the higher education aspect of the budget on the evening of March 7 in the [Legislative Office Building](#) in Hartford.

Please join CSU-AAUP to give testimony on why public higher education is essential to the future of our students, our communities, and our state. Please join us, share your voice, and defend quality public higher education in CT. Stay tuned for more details on exact time and room location for the hearing.



CSU-AAUP Officer Nominations Underway:

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Constitution, the union is to hold elections for new officers in odd-numbered years. CSU-AAUP is asking for nominations for the offices of CSU-AAUP President, CSU-AAUP Vice-President, CSU-AAUP Secretary, and CSU-AAUP Treasurer.

All elected officers will serve two-year terms commencing June 1, 2019.

CSU-AAUP members may nominate themselves or any other member for any position as officer. [Click here to access the nomination form.](#)

You may use this form and facsimiles to nominate as many people as you like. Nominees must be CSU-AAUP members. The chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee will accept nominations until noon on **Sunday March 3**. E-Voting will commence on or about **April 3** and end at noon on **April 14**. On April 14 the ballots will be tabulated electronically. The results will be announced via email and in this a newsletter.

AAUP-CBC Call For Nominations:

Nominations for the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress officers are being accepted now for the positions of chair, vice-chair, and three at-large seats. Elections will happen during the AAUP-CBC Regular Meeting June 13-14, 2019, in Arlington, VA. Each officer serves a two-year term, with a limit of two full terms per office.

Nominees must be members in good standing and written nominations must be received by the nominating committee by April 30. [Click here for information about the nomination procedure, the needed forms, and whom to contact.](#)

Candidates will briefly address the AAUP-CBC Regular Meeting after nominations are finalized. Voting will happen the morning of June 14. For questions, contact AAUP Organizer David Kociemba: dkociemba@aaup.org.

AAUP Remains #UnionStrong:

One of the longest strikes in higher education is finished at Wright State and - thanks to the strength of the AAUP chapter leading the fight - faculty there can enjoy the security of some key wins, including the right to bargain over health care, summer teaching rights, and limits on the administration's ability to impose retrenchment and furloughs. To read more about the strike and the Wright State AAUP chapter's success, [click here](#).

Even before Wright State AAUP made national news with their strike over quality higher education, AAUP chapters around the country were seeing a revival in the wake of the Supreme Court decision on Janus vs. AFSCME.

[Check out what the Chronicle of Higher Education had to say about AAUP welcoming 42 new or revitalized advocacy chapters.](#) Faculty who are banding together to protect academic freedom and shared governance at institutions across the country are proof that we are #UnionStrong.

Keep your CSU-AAUP strong and [make sure you've recommitted to the CSU-AAUP.](#)

If you don't remember whether you have already done so, you can [do it again](#). You won't be double booked.

Click the link above or visit <https://csuaaup.org/membership/become-a-member/>

