CSU-AAUP Responds To Assault On Gender and Gender Studies:

In October, national AAUP notified the Board of Governors it had received a complaint alleging a new state law requiring in-state public institutions to use a certain definition of gender that was not based on sex or physiology. The Board determined that such legislation is in violation of the Rights of Students and Faculty Members Act of 1953, which states that public institutions shall not unreasonably discriminate on the basis of gender. The Board has also informed AAUP that it is taking steps to challenge the law in court. 

CSU-AAUP members have been actively involved in the advocacy efforts and have been working with the Connecticut Legislative Action Conference (CLAC) to support the work of state legislators. CSU-AAUP members have attended legislative sessions, met with state legislators, and participated in action events and lobby days to ensure that the state's definition of gender is based on sex or physiology and not on irrelevant factors such as political or social motivations.

CSU-AAUP Vice President Patty O'Neill has been a vocal advocate for the rights of students and faculty members. She has been involved in several key state races, including the election of the next governor and lieutenant governor. CSU-AAUP endorsed candidates in key state races who vowed to support collective bargaining rights and protect quality public higher education. The AAUP's endorsement of these candidates is based on their commitment to protect the rights of students and faculty members and to ensure that public higher education institutions are held accountable for their actions.

The Connecticut General Assembly will convene on January 9 for the 2019 legislative session. The CGA is expected to adjourn by June 5, 2019. The 2019 legislative session will see a tie in the state Senate. That tie is well and truly on and the session gets underway and time is running out.

CSU-AAUP has received questions from some of our members regarding the SAG Award timeline. Contact CSU-AAUP at (860) 832-3790 or email us at newberge@ccsu.edu for more information.

If you have questions about the candidates, with public unions finding themselves in the wake of the current political climate, CSU-AAUP members are not allowed to vote in the current election. It’s important to combine our collective strength and use it to build quality public higher education.

CSU-AAUP President, Patty O’Neill, a public higher education professional for over 20 years, allowed me to enjoy my work with CSU-AAUP even more. My stance on collective bargaining and shared governance is stronger because we are not a corporation; we form a university together. As a public higher education professional, it is important to me that CSU-AAUP members hit the pavement door to door telling them to stand up for and protect quality public higher education.

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