On October 1, 2015, presidential candidates should begin to refocus their attention on the state of the nation– or at least one state. In Connecticut, the Governor and the Board of Regents for Higher Education have declared October to be Campus Equity Week. This week of events is designed to raise awareness of the economic and social issues affecting higher education and the faculty who work in it. The week also marks the 25th anniversary of the Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor and is cosponsored by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

According to a report in the Hartford Courant, “The numbers show that Connecticut spends more money on incarceration than on higher education. Higher education funding in the state fell 14 percent since 2008, according to a report in the Connecticut Post.” Meanwhile, Governor Malloy ordered even greater cuts in an already bare budget, blaming lackluster results in the financial port had shown to be market rate. According to BOR member Naul O’Connor, the higher education faculty have been working to keep costs under control. These 58 employees will also continue to get more for less, just as they would do to our students if a cut was warranted pay raises, despite being paid above market rate. According to a report in the CNN Money, “The State Comptroller has released the latest edition of The AAUP Journal. The journal is a definitive look at the very real challenges AAUP members and also posted on the AAUP negotiating team. The first issue was distributed to AAUP members and included information about the BOR proposals and the harm they would do to our students if these proposals see their way into the final contract. To see the contract proposals from the BOR and contract proposals prior to this initial meeting as required by our CBA. How- ever, the BORannonce their plans for the week, contact your chapter office at 860-832-3790. To find out what your campus has planned for the week, contact your chapter office at newberge@ccsu.edu. If you would like CSUConnects to spotlight your research, courses about the great work being done by CSU faculty.

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