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## **Provost Hired for ConnSCU**

On January 8, 2014, Dr. Gregory Gray announced that that Dr. Michael Gargano had been hired as ConnSCU's first system provost. Dr. Gargano is currently the Vice President for Academics, Faculty, and Student Affairs and Interim Dean at the School of Health Professions at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. He will begin the Provost position on March 21.

Dr. Gargano is no stranger to Connecticut, having received his B.S. from the University of Hartford and worked in athletics advancement at that institution. In addition, he held various administrative posts at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., including associate vice president for student and academic support services. Dr. Gargano also served as vice chancellor for student affairs and campus life at UMass Amherst and Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services for the LSU System.

The position description for Provost can be found [here](#). Dr. Gargano's curriculum vitae can be found [here](#).

## **Board of Regents to Meet on Friday, January 17**

The Board of Regents for Higher Education is scheduled to meet at 10:00 am on January 17 in the Regents Boardroom, 61 Woodland St., Hartford. The agenda packet has been posted online [here](#).

In addition to modification of programs, licensure of new programs, and accreditation of existing programs for CSU, the consent agenda contains a proposal for an Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award, the appointment to William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair (CCSU), a Policy Regarding Suspected Abuse or Neglect to a Child, and the revision of student worker pay rates effective January 1, 2014.

The [agenda](#) also contains links to the audited financial statements for the Community Colleges and CSU.

Further, Dr. Gray will be giving a report on "Excel CT," but the agenda packet does not contain any exhibits related to the plan.

The meeting is scheduled to be aired on [CT-N](#).

***Academe* Issue  
Focuses on “The  
New Public  
Intellectual”**

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We are seeing a resurgence of the public intellectual, proving that the spirit of John Dewey is alive. The scholar’s public impact is even beginning to bear once more on decision making within the academy (though not yet to the extent it should). Contributors to the January–February issue of *Academe* consider these trends, focusing on the emergence of a “new public intellectual.” Despite promising developments, as several authors note, there is more work to be done—especially in local communities, where the professoriate can engage as a positive force in the public debate.

Read this issue of *Academe* [here](#).