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Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents Meeting

The Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to the Board of Regents will be meeting on Friday, February 14 at 2pm at 39 Woodland Street in Hartford. The FAC will be discussing discuss the BOR legislative agenda, communication across campuses, the academic calendar, and “Transform CSCU 2020,” among other matters. Please see complete agenda [here](#).

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“Academic freedom” was still a new idea when John Dewey, Arthur O. Lovejoy, and other prominent scholars founded the American Association of University Professors in 1915. Establishing academic freedom as a cornerstone of higher education has been just one of the AAUP’s many achievements in the hundred years since its founding. The standards developed by the AAUP have been adopted by colleges and universities across the country, shaping a higher education system that is renowned for excellence in teaching and research.

The AAUP is marking its centennial by highlighting its historical role in establishing the principles that govern the academic profession. Through [publications](#), [events](#), and other activities, the AAUP will celebrate its contributions to American higher education. Additional activities related to the centennial, including a [video project](#) and a [centennial contest](#) (for undergraduate and graduate students in the categories of essays and artwork), are being coordinated by the [AAUP Foundation](#).

While we celebrate the Association’s accomplishments, we also recognize the challenges that lie ahead. Decreasing state support for public higher education, the encroachment of corporate culture into college and university administration, and the rapid growth in contingent faculty appointments are eroding the quality of higher education across the United States. The AAUP is uniquely positioned to respond to these threats, but it cannot do so effectively without broad support from faculty members and others engaged in postsecondary education. As the AAUP looks toward the next hundred years, it reaffirms the core principles of academic freedom, tenure, and shared governance that its founders first articulated a century ago and invites you to join it as it defends the profession against a new set of threats.

The national AAUP’s centennial celebration will culminate at the 2015 annual meeting in Washington, DC, and centennial-themed events will be held throughout 2014 and 2015.

AAUP Prepares for Celebration of Centennial

