



THIS WEEK'S POLL:

The media has printed that the Governor is seeking "savings" from state employees. What benefit, if anything, would you be most willing to concede?

Union News

Reminder: We urge you to come to the Appropriations Hearing at the Capitol on 2/28

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State Budget

The Governor's proposed state budget will be released today (Feb. 16), and CSU-AAUP leadership hopes it will provide more details on the proposed higher education restructuring as well as what "savings" the Governor is seeking from state employees.

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition will be meeting today following the release of the budget and CSU-AAUP leadership will be meeting over this weekend to discuss the budget, so check your email early next week for more information.

Please be reminded that there will be an Appropriations Committee hearing on higher education on February 28 at 5Pm. CSU-AAUP urges our members to attend and to encourage students to attend. AAUP will be providing bus transportation. If you are interested in taking the bus, please inform your local AAUP office.

There will also be a Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee hearing on the proposed restructuring on March 10. We will provide more information about the hearing once it is received.

ARP Grievance Settlement Update

All CSU-AAUP members should have received a copy of the joint notice from the Retirement Division and the State Employees Bargaining Agent. The memo states that "private Counsel has advised the State Employees Retirement Commission (Commission) that it would be imprudent to proceed with the implementation of the award without receiving a Private Letter Ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Without the approval of the IRS, there could be serious adverse tax consequences to the plan and all its participants, not just those who were eligible for the transfer. The Commission directed counsel to contact the IRS immediately to apply for a Ruling as soon as practicable. We have been told that **the Private Letter Ruling process is a long one, taking around two years to receive an answer.**" Read the full memorandum [here](#).