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# ***Union News***

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## **Board of Regents News**

### **Tuition Increase**

In the February 21 edition *Union News*, CSU-AAUP reported that the Finance Committee of the BOR was scheduled to meet on March 5 to vote on a proposed tuition increase of 5.1%. However, the Finance Committee postponed its meeting until March 14. The full Board of Regents is scheduled to vote on the tuition increase on March 21.

### **Committee on Administration**

The BOR Committee on Administration met on March 1 to discuss its Policy and Procedures for Creating and Establishing BOR Policy (otherwise known as the Policy on Policies). The Committee also discussed its Human Resources Policies for Management and Confidential Professional Employees of the BOR. Both policies can be viewed [here](#) beginning on page 5.

## **CSU-AAUP Part- time Faculty Conference**

CSU-AAUP held a conference for part-time faculty on Friday, March 1 to provide an opportunity for part-time faculty from all four campuses to share experiences, ideas and concerns regarding part-time employment and teaching and to encourage part-time faculty involvement in campus activities and the AAUP.

Following opening remarks from CCSU President Jack Miller, CCSU-AAUP President Jason Jones, and CSU-AAUP President Vijay Nair, the conference opened with a presentation and town hall Q&A with Mary Collins. Dr. Collins is currently a full-time faculty member teaching creative writing at CCSU, but she began her academic career as a part-time faculty member for twelve years at John Hopkins University. She discussed the differences between full-time and part-time employment and then asked the conference participants questions such as: “What are your strategies for creating a new course close to the start of the semester? How do you add creative content to your courses in a time efficient manner? How do you offer college-level content and expectations while still hoping to receive good student evaluations? How do you build community?”

Following a small group discussion on Working Conditions, Benefits,

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and the Contract, members of the CCSU-AAUP Part-time Advisory Committee shared experiences from their 20 years of advocacy. In addition to many other accomplishments, the CCSU-AAUP Part-time Advisory Committee has worked to allow part-time faculty the ability to direct deposit paychecks, elect part-time faculty members to Faculty Senate, and include part-time faculty in the New Faculty Orientation at CCSU.

The conference concluded with a discussion of potential solutions that CSU-AAUP can begin working on. As a result of that discussion, the CSU-AAUP has agreed to setup a systemwide listserv for part-time faculty and assist each campus in establishing its own part-time advisory committee. If you are interested in serving on such a committee, please contact Michelle Malinowski at [Malinowskim@ccsu.edu](mailto:Malinowskim@ccsu.edu).

**National AAUP  
Member Survey**

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The AAUP has begun a strategic planning process that will provide concrete guidance for implementing the priorities approved at the November 2011 Council meeting.

Your participation in the member survey is important. It is part of the information gathering process needed to help us assess our current situation and to set directions for the future. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete.

The survey is available at [Survey Monkey](#).