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National AAUP Election Ballots Due April 15

Ballots for the 2014 National AAUP Officer and Council elections were mailed to members' home addresses on March 3, 2014. **Ballots are due by April 15.** Please remember to vote!

Candidate biographical information and statements can be found [here](#). Please click on the candidate's name for their statement.

Cigna to Serve as Sole Dental Insurer for State Employees

According to *Hartford Business Journal* (3/26/14), State Comptroller Kevin Lembo has "selected Cigna as the sole provider of dental coverage for Connecticut employees and retirees."

"The state's current arrangement allows employees to select between offerings from UnitedHealth Group and Cigna. Starting July 1, Cigna will be the sole option for up to five years."

To read the full article, click [here](#). More information will be sent to state employees about this change prior to open enrollment in June.

Adjunct Nation Site Pass

For over 20 years, AdjunctNation.com has helped non-tenured faculty (adjunct, part-time, visiting and full-time temporary) keep up with the latest higher education news, reviews, professional development trends and research. Three of their investigative articles published in 2012 were nominated for national education reporting awards.

As a member of CSU-AAUP, all members have access to AdjunctNation.com. Contact your local AAUP office for the username and password for full access to the website.

Haven't signed up to be a CSU-AAUP member? Sign up [here](#) for the adjunctnation.com benefit and others!

**Continued:
Adjunct Nation
Site Pass**

Posted this week on AdjunctNation.com:

**What Would It Mean For Adjuncts? States Consider \$0
Community College Tuition**

Nothing sparks consumer demand like the word “free,” and politicians in some states have proposed the idea of providing that incentive to get young people to attend community college.

Amid worries that U.S. youth are losing a global skills race, supporters of a no-tuition policy see expanding access to community college as way to boost educational attainment so the emerging workforces in their states look good to employers.

Of course, such plans aren’t free for taxpayers, and legislators in Oregon and Tennessee are deciding whether free tuition regardless of family income is the best use of public money. A Mississippi bill passed the state House, but then failed in the Senate.

[Read full article.](#)

**Upcoming BOR
Committee
Meetings**

The Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet on April 4 at 9:30 am in Hartford. The [agenda](#) includes:

- CSU-AAUP Faculty Research Grants (see [agenda](#) for recipients for the Spring 2014 competition)

The Human Resources & Administration Committee will meet on April 4 at 1:30 pm in Hartford. The [agenda](#) includes:

- Update: Sibson Study (Salary Study)
- Overview of Conduct Policies
- Appointment of Dean of the Business School at WCSU

The Finance Committee will meet on April 8 at 9:30 am in Hartford. The [agenda](#) includes:

- FY2014 Third Quarter Financial Update
- CSUS 2020 Update
- Resolution concerning Reimbursement of Retroactive Funding to Central Connecticut State University