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THIS WEEK'S FACEBOOK QUESTION:

Do you think the results of the National AAUP election represents a change in philosophy for the organization?

Union News

National AAUP Election Results



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Wright State University professor Rudy Fichtenbaum has been elected president of the AAUP. Fichtenbaum, a long time AAUP leader and faculty unionist, will take office in June. He is pictured at the AAUP Governance Conference (left).

Other newly elected officers of the AAUP are Hank Reichman (California State University-East Bay), first vice president; Susan Michalczyk (Boston College), second vice president; and **Michele Ganon (Western Connecticut State University)**, secretary-treasurer.

Vijay Nair (CSU-AAUP President, WCSU) and Julian Madison (SCSU) were also elected as Council Representatives.

Please see the following articles for more information about the election results.

[AAUP Election Results Reflect Backlash Against Recent Leadership Decisions](#)

[A Change in Philosophy?](#)

BOR Announces "ConnSCU Commons" Discussion Forum

The BOR recently announced an internal, online community—ConnSCU Commons—for the faculty and staff of the 17 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities under its purview. ConnSCU Commons is described by the BOR “as a safe and secure forum for faculty and staff to share ideas, ask questions and interact with each other.”

According to the information distributed from the BOR, “ConnSCU Commons is built on the popular open-source Drupal platform and supports collaboration among a group of individuals. All ConnSCU faculty and staff can create and host their own groups. As a group owner, you may add/remove group members and designate access privileges of each member. The group members may share files and collaborate via blogs, discussion board, and wiki.”

Login Information:

- Please review the terms of use before you start using ConnSCU Commons (at the bottom of the login page).
- Users can log on to <http://commons.ct.edu> and use their network credentials.
- Please select your home institution as the authentication source.
- ***Important*** During your first login, make sure to set up your profile and personal information.

**BOR Academic
and Student
Affairs Discuss
Academic Program
Review and Tenure
for Academic
Administrators**

At its meeting on April 13, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the BOR discussed the question of what role the BOR should have in academic program review in the future, noting that there are over 1200 programs among the 17 institutions. Several possibilities were raised and it was decided that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the next Council of Presidents meeting as well as be included for discussion at the upcoming Board of Regents retreat.

On the matter tenure for Academic Administrators, the minutes reflect that “there is no change in policy yet but issue is being examined from the standpoint of attracting recruitment.”

The minutes from the meeting can be viewed [here](#).