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# Union News

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\* Please note that the Town Hall on Transform CSCU 2020 at WCSU on 9/16 at 3pm has been moved to Room 125 of the Science Building. The Town Hall at CSU will take place on 9/12 at 1pm in the Student Center Ballroom.

## Did You “Like” CSU Connects?

CSU-AAUP has launched a marketing campaign with Words@Work, designed to highlight and promote the work of CSU faculty, librarians, coaches, and counselors. Please visit our new blog, [CSU Connects](#) and [like us on Facebook](#). The blog focuses on faculty research, community service, campus events, books by CSU faculty, and courses taught at our universities. Help us get the word out about these resources. Share them with your friends!

In addition, Words at Work helped garner media attention for CSU faculty, including an arsenic contamination study by Meredith Metcalf (ECSU) featured on WNPR and a *Hartford Courant* article on the Computer Science, Math, and Physics scholarship program at CCSU.

**Are you interested in having something profiled on the blog?** Email Meagan Maguire at [meagan@wordsatwork.us](mailto:meagan@wordsatwork.us).

## BOR Finance & Infrastructure Committee Discusses Large Funding Request

The BOR Finance & Infrastructure Committee met on Thursday, September 4. The agenda included an information update on CSUS 2020, naming requests at WCSU, use of designated fund balances for the construction of a Data Center at CCSU, and the FY16/17 Biennial Budget Current Services Request. The agenda and related items can be found [here](#).

Several media articles were published the following day regarding the BOR’s funding request. Please see:

[CT public colleges seek big boost in state aid — and a tuition hike](#) (*The Connecticut Mirror*)

[Connecticut Public Colleges Seek Big Boost In State Aid](#) (*The Hartford Courant*)

## Requirements for the Health Enhancement Plan

Please see the [newsletter](#) sent out by the Office of the State Comptroller, Healthcare Policy & Benefit Services Division. The [newsletter](#) lists the Health Enhancement Program (HEP) requirements for 2014 which must be met by December 31, 2014 in order to be compliant with the program. Questions may be directed to Care Management Solutions at 877-687-1448.

**Former AAUP  
General Counsel in  
CT to Give Speech  
on Academic  
Freedom**

David Rabban, former General Counsel for AAUP, will be giving a lecture on “Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and the American University” on Wednesday, September 17 at 7pm. The talk will cover the judicial treatment of free speech and academic freedom at American universities from the 1950s to the present. It will explore the First Amendment rights of professors, students, and universities as institutions, and the tensions that arise when these rights conflict. Topics will include the regulation of classroom speech, the constitutionality of campus “speech codes,” student political expression and association, the relationship between academic freedom and affirmative action, and the extent to which general First Amendment principles have been modified in the academic context.

The lecture is being sponsored by the 2014 Friends of the Wesleyan Library, and it will be held in the Smith Reading Room of the Olin Memorial Library at 252 Church Street in Middletown. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Email [libfriends@wesleyan.edu](mailto:libfriends@wesleyan.edu) for more information.