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## **Former CSU-AAUP President Appointed to Commission Creating Strategic Plan for Higher Education in CT**

In 2011, the Connecticut General Assembly established a Planning Commission for Higher Education to develop and ensure the implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education in Connecticut.

According to the legislation, the Commission will be comprised of former administrators or faculty members from independent institutions, community colleges, UConn, CSU, Charter Oak State College as well as individuals who have experience in the field of arts and culture, health care, and science and technology. In addition, the Commission should include two members appointed to represent state-wide business organizations, an individual representing a nonprofit education foundation, an individual with experience in university research and its commercial application, and an individual with experience in the field of education from prekindergarten to grade twelve.

The Planning Commission for Higher Education began meeting in March 2013 though it was not fully constituted. CSU-AAUP put forth the name of a former faculty member (and former CSU-AAUP President), David Walsh (SCSU). Dr. Walsh was recently appointed to the Commission by Majority Leader, Joe Aresimowicz, and will attend the next meeting on October 8.

If you are interested in learning more about the Commission, please go [here](#) for agenda, minutes, and related documents.

## **Faculty Representation on the BOR in Effect**

During the 2013 legislative session, CSU-AAUP created a bill to include faculty representation on the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR). While the bill language was amended throughout the session, legislation was passed to include the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the BOR. The legislation became effective October 1, 2013.

Therefore, at its October 17 meeting, the Board of Regents will welcome its newest member, Dr. Tom Failla, director of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts Program and adjunct business faculty at Norwalk Community College. Dr. Failla is current chair of the FAC.