



**THIS WEEK'S POLL:** What was your reaction to the Chancellor's retirement announcement?

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## **Chancellor Carter to Retire**

On September 28, Chancellor Carter announced his plans to retire no later than September 1, 2011. Dr. Carter has served as Chancellor since February 2006 and according to the press release from the System Office, he “will continue to serve as Chancellor providing the Board of Trustees with an opportunity to select a successor and ensure an effective transition.”

The Chancellor and the Board of Trustees have been subjects of much negative press during the past year due to their decision to replace Dr. Cheryl Norton with Dr. Stanley Battle as the President of SCSU (and provide both with full salary and benefits for one year) and their proposals for substantial salary increases for the Chancellor, university presidents, and some other senior management staff.

## **National Day to Defend Public Education**

Privatization in higher education has shifted the cost burden to students and their families, while at the same time diverting spending from instruction to administrative overhead. The most dramatic shift has been in the increasing use of poorly-paid and insufficiently supported part-time and non-tenure-track faculty members. See the statement from AAUP General Secretary Gary Rhoades at <http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/about/gensec/let/oct7.htm>

## ARP Arbitration Award Updates

Please be advised that additional information on the ARP matter will be forthcoming as soon as it is available. However, in an effort to keep you informed, please be aware that:

1. Members can read more information on SERS Tier II (as well as view a SERS Benefit Estimator) on the State Comptroller's website at <http://www.osc.state.ct.us/empret/>.
2. The charts to determine the cost of switching from ARP to SERS are in the process of being developed. You can get a rough estimate by looking at the actuarial study commissioned by the unions at <http://www.csuaaup.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/ARPActuarialStudy.pdf>.
3. CSU-AAUP and SUOAF-AFSCME will be holding joint informational sessions with SEBAC Attorney Dan Livingston on each of the CSU campuses to answer questions about the award. These sessions are in the process of being scheduled, and we will inform you of the details as soon as they are available.
4. The State Retirement Division will also be holding workshops at the higher education institutions, which are in the process of being scheduled.

## Legislative News Digest

As stated above, CSU has been the subject of much negative press over the past year, which is causing increased legislative scrutiny of our universities and the system. In order to help counter this negative press, CSU-AAUP has been collecting positive news articles about CSU and its faculty, students, and alumni and sending a news digest containing these positive stories to all legislators. If there is a positive story you would like shared with legislators, please send it to [Ellen Benson](mailto:Ellen.Benson@ccsu.edu) in the CSU-AAUP office.

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