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# ***Union News***

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## **CSU-AAUP Political Endorsements for Connecticut General Assembly**

CSU-AAUP encourages all eligible AAUP members to vote on Tuesday, November 4. The General Assembly has a significant impact on the four Connecticut State Universities and their faculty, through legislation enacted on public higher education and public employees. Consequently, the composition of the legislature is of critical importance to CSU-AAUP. To determine the candidates' views on public higher education and public employees, during the summer, the CSU-AAUP Political Committee mailed questionnaires to all the women and men running for the Connecticut General Assembly. Their responses helped guide endorsements that the Committee has made in the upcoming election.

Please visit our website [here](#) to learn which candidates the CSU-AAUP Political Committee has endorsed and view the candidates' responses to our questionnaire. Not sure what legislative district you live in? Find it [here](#).

### ***We Need Your Help!***

CSU-AAUP members can strengthen our collective voice by getting involved as individuals in political campaigns before the election. Candidates remember people who volunteer on their campaigns. So pick a candidate for the Connecticut General Assembly whom you support (see our list of political endorsements [here](#)) and take a couple hours between now and the election to volunteer on a campaign. This work is easy and does not require any experience.

Candidates need people to:

- Make calls to voters
- Accompany them door to door in your neighborhood
- Put their literature in doors in a few neighborhoods
- Stuff envelopes
- Write letters to the editor

Further, candidates listen to voters and they will be going door-to-door in your neighborhood, campaigning at local establishments, and

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participating in debates looking for your support. When you encounter a candidate, share your views on the importance of public higher education and specifically CSU, its students and faculty. Doing so will just take a minute, but it will have a positive impact on our work in the General Assembly.

The next month provides a very important opportunity to advocate for issues critical to CSU and public higher education. Please help us help you and take a few hours to volunteer on a campaign or take a few minutes to speak about higher education to a candidate for political office.

These activities will truly make a difference.

**BOR Committee  
on Administration  
Agenda**

A meeting of the Human Resources and Administration Committee of the Board of Regents for Higher Education will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9 in Room 123 at 39 Woodland Street in Hartford. The agenda includes:

- Pre-employment Background Verification Policy
- Discussion of Student Worker Pay Rates
- Discussion of Student Worker Policy
- Discussion of Future Agenda Items

For the complete agenda and supporting materials, please go here.

**AAUP Collective  
Bargaining  
Congress to Meet  
at ECSU**

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AAUP-CBC members will meet in the Northeast this fall to share their experiences and to brainstorm new strategies for building faculty power on their campuses.

On tap will be discussions about organizing across constituencies and how to participate in the upcoming One Faculty Campaign. The AAUP-CBC will examine recent faculty health care negotiations and also discuss ongoing contract negotiations in the region.

The meeting will take place at Eastern Connecticut State University on October 11. For more information, please visit Fall Regional Meeting.