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Faculty Advisory Committee to Present to BOR on Thursday

The Faculty Advisory Committee is scheduled to make a presentation to the Board of Regents at its meeting on October 16 at 10am at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. A member of the Faculty Advisory Committee attended every Town Hall regarding Transform CSCU 2020 at every college and university. The FAC presentation will include a summary of the response to Transform on the campuses.

In addition, the agenda includes:

- A presentation by the Student Advisory Committee
- Information Security Policy (BOR CIO via board-approved IT governance process.)
- Policy to Normalize Credit Hours for Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Programs
- FY16 - FY17 Biennium Budget Options
- Pre-Employment Background Verification Policy

In addition, the consent agenda contains many items related to CSU. For more information, please see the agenda and accompanying materials here.

A Report from the AAUP-CBC East Coast Meeting at ECSU

The Collective Bargaining Congress of the AAUP held a regional meeting for the East Coast chapters at ECSU on Saturday, October 11 with fourteen members or staff from CSU-AAUP in attendance. The conference featured a workshop on Health Care Negotiations, a presentation on *Making College Affordable*, and a presentation on the AAUP's "One Faculty Campaign." Look for information regarding the "One Faculty Campaign" from National AAUP in the next few weeks.

There was also discussion concerning academic freedom and the AAUP's response in the Steven Salaita case and new features on the AAUP's member login page such as webinars, guidebooks, and toolkits. If you are an active member you should have received your login information from National AAUP. If not, please contact the membership department at (800) 424-2973 for assistance.

Open Enrollment for MEDFLEX and DCAP

Open enrollment for Medical Flexible Spending Accounts (MEDFLEX) and the Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP) end on **October 31**. Both are optional, supplemental state employee benefits. MEDFLEX is a tax-free way to pay for out-of-pocket medical and dental care expenses not covered by insurance. DCAP provides a tax-free way to pay for dependent care expenses.

You are required to re-enroll each year during the open enrollment period to participate in either plan. For more information on these benefits and to acquire the necessary paperwork, please visit the Comptroller's Office [here](#).

Hartford HealthCare and Anthem Reach Agreement

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Hartford HealthCare reached a multiyear agreement on October 3, retroactive to October 1, 2014, when the previous contract expired.