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Memo on Hybrid Plan

The SEBAC higher education leaders asked our attorney to respond to a concern that the delay in consummating Hybrid plan purchases (due to the backlog) could have a negative financial impact on members. The short answer is that it does not have a negative financial impact on members, but please read the [memorandum](#) for a full explanation.

Faculty Advisory Committee Presentation at the BOR Meeting

The Faculty Advisory Committee made [remarks](#) to the Board of Regents at its meeting on October 16 at 10am at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. “The FAC took advantage of the town halls to gather a sense of the concerns and issues of our colleagues. An FAC member or a designated representation attended each town hall and took notes that were shared, compiled and reviewed by the committee. This report today aims to capture and represent that review.”

From the report of the FAC, the concerns of the faculty centered on four issues:

- Re-establish the distinct missions of the parts of the system.
- Academic Vision and Aspiration in Transform
- System Integration
- Shared Governance

Please read the [complete FAC remarks here](#).

Nominations for BOR Faculty Awards

Taken from www.ct.edu

On behalf of the Board of Regents and President Gregory W. Gray, the ConnSCU Office of Academic Affairs invites nominations for campus-based and system-wide recognitions of excellence in teaching or

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research/creative/scholarly work by full-time faculty members and part-time faculty members of the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities. The awards are:

Teaching Awards

The awards are given to recognize faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers for at least five years and have a minimum of two years' track record of promoting instructional improvements for the programs/departments. Each CSU institution will nominate a campus-based awardee and a system-wide awardee may be chosen from this group. View guidelines [here](#).

Research Awards

The awards are given to recognize faculty from the state universities who are doing exceptional research/creative work. Each CSU institution will nominate a campus-based awardee and a system-wide awardee may be chosen from this group. View guidelines [here](#).

Adjunct Faculty Teaching Awards

The awards are given to recognize part-time faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers with a track record of increasing student learning and promoting instructional improvements for the programs/departments. There are no campus-based awardees for this award. View guidelines [here](#).

National AAUP At- Large Council Nominations Due

Taken from www.aaup.org

Are you passionate about higher education and the AAUP's core principles? Concerned about the erosion of tenure and the rise in contingent appointments lacking job security and full academic freedom protections? And do you have time and talent to dedicate to ensuring that the faculty's voice is heard in debates about these issues?

If so, or if you have a colleague who fits the bill, we urge you to nominate yourself or a colleague as a candidate for the national AAUP Council, the Association's governing body. The Council is responsible for overseeing the affairs of the AAUP.

All members of the Association in good standing, with the exception of associate members, are eligible to be elected to Council positions and to nominate other eligible members.

The only available open seats for members in Connecticut are two at-large Council positions. All nomination materials must be received by the AAUP by December 14, 2014. For information about the nomination procedures, please visit [here](#).