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# Union News

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## Campus Equity Week: Who is Professor Staff?

Campus Equity Week is an international event which seeks to bring greater awareness to the precarious situation for contingent faculty in higher education, organize for action, and build solidarity among colleagues. The goal of CSU-AAUP's Campus Equity Week (CEW) campaign is to raise campus awareness of the working conditions of the System's part-time faculty and to highlight the achievements and contributions of part-time faculty to student success.

The theme of CSU-AAUP's CEW activities is *Who is Professor "Staff"?*, a reference to a report from the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education. The report's Executive Summary, CEW buttons and CEW lanyards will be available at informational tables in the Student Centers of each of the campuses.

- **CCSU-AAUP** is using photographs to raise two important issues. First, whether students know the difference between a part-time, contingent professor and a tenure-track professor. Second, photographs of part-time faculty offices across campus will be displayed, demonstrating the wide variety of spaces used by part-time faculty to meet with students from the local pizza shop to office space in the new academic building. In addition, Aaron Calafato's documentary *"For Profit"* will be shown to facilitate dialogue on ConnSCU's rising tuition rates and the student debt crisis.
- At **ECSU**, the running loop PowerPoint presentation titled "Recognition: ECSU AAUP Honors Part-Time Faculty" recognizing the campuses part-time faculty's academic achievements and contributions to the campus community will be a highlight of ECSU-AAUP's planned activities.
- **SCSU-AAUP** will also utilize the *Who is Professor "Staff"* Report. Part-time faculty will raise awareness on current working conditions and begin a dialogue on the ever increasing number of part-time faculty, and host showings of Barbara Wolf's documentary film *Degrees of Shame*.

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- At WCSU, the AAUP Chapter will focus on part-time working conditions and part-time faculty members' inclusion within the campus community. WCSU-AAUP will have a number of posters highlighting these issues, and the chapter plans on running loop showings of both Barbara Wolf's *Degrees of Shame* and L. D. Janakos's documentary *Teachers on Wheels*.

The Connecticut State University AAUP (CSU-AAUP) has been a supporter of Campus Equity Week since it was created in 2001.

## **Students' Report at BOR Meeting**

At the October 17 Board of Regents meeting, Sarah Green (SCSU), the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair, gave an informative report on how affordability issues have impacted students at ConnSCU. Regent Green's presentation stressed that many students have had to seek off campus employment due to the increase in tuition and cutbacks in work study opportunities and federal grants. The students are concerned that more students will delay graduation because of a need to work more hours to fund their education. View the SAC presentation and BOR meeting [here](#).

## **AAUP-CBC East Coast Regional Meeting**

On Saturday, October 19, the National AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress (AAUP-CBC) held its East Coast Regional Meeting at the University of New Hampshire at Durham. CSU-AAUP sent eight representatives to the meeting, which featured panel presentations on "Working with and against Geographic Divides" and "A Benefits Primer: The ACA and Beyond." In addition, AAUP-CBC Chair Howard Bunsis shared updates on organizing new collective bargaining chapters and progress on contract negotiations for existing AAUP unions across the country.