



THIS WEEK'S POLL: How long do you think it will take to decide the Governor's race?

Union News

Vol. 1, Issue 10 | November 3, 2010

How Did CSU-AAUP Endorsed Candidates Fare in the Election?

Of the fifty-nine candidates that CSU-AAUP endorsed for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Senate, and State House of Representatives, as of press time thirty-nine of the candidates won their seats, eight candidates lost, and twelve races were too close to call including the Governor's.

Anthem/Hartford & Windham Hospitals Reach Agreement

CSU-AAUP assured our members last Friday that both active and retired state employees were guaranteed continued access to Hartford Hospital and Windham Community Memorial Hospital on an in-network basis, even if the contract expired on October 31 with no new agreement. We did want to let you know thought that the parties were able to reach an agreement late on Friday, October 29.

State Post-Employment Benefits Commission Makes Its Recommendations to Reduce Pension Liabilities

In February, Governor Rell established the Post-Employment Benefits Commission and charged its members with developing recommendations to reduce the state's unfunded liabilities for health benefits and pensions for retirees, which combined, totals approximately \$34 billion. Among the Commission's recommendations are:

- Ensuring that the state makes the Annual Required Contribution (ARC)
- Increasing the amount that state employees contribute towards the plans
- Increasing the retirement age for state employees or

(Continued on page 2)

State Post- Employment Benefits Commission Makes Its Recommendations to Reduce Pension Liabilities

(Continued from page 1)

adding incentives for later retirement

- Taking steps to control the annual increases in health insurance costs

- Requiring that all future retirement incentive programs be subject to a full analysis of their long-term impact before approved

You can read the full report [here](#).

SEBAC responded in a press release by calling the Governor's Final Report an “obvious case of political gamesmanship.” The SEBAC representative appointed to the Commission criticized the group's failure to set priorities and for releasing an unfinished product in order to move a political agenda at election time.

The press release went on to say that “Partisan appointees, as mandated by Governor Rell's Executive Order that created it, dominated the Commission. The recommendations contained in the final report include funding strategies and calls for cuts to retiree healthcare benefits and pensions. Representatives of the State Comptroller and Treasurer's offices also disagreed with many of the recommendations put forth in the Commission's report, arguing that its approach would cause further economic harm to the state.

The state's currently active pension plans, known as "Tier II" and "Tier IIa" are properly funded and cost less than a 401(k). The "Tier I Plan," which has been closed to new participants for over 20 years, was never adequately funded.”

Please read SEBAC’s press release in its entirety [here](#).

Have a question? Get the answer!
Call (860) 832-3790 or email us at AaupDistList@ccsu.edu