



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

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Higher Ed Hearing 3/12: Bill to permit faculty rep on BOR committees and subcommittees of the BOR

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee is holding a public hearing on Thursday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. in room 1E of the Legislative Office Building. There are many bills of importance for us that are being heard at this hearing. Included on the [agenda](#) is [H.B. 6812 AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION](#). The bill is to permit faculty representation on the committees and subcommittees of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

CSU-AAUP encourages faculty to submit testimony to the legislature about this and many other bills that stand to affect higher education in Connecticut. You can submit your testimony on line at HEDTestimony@cga.ct.gov.

If you are interested in testifying in person about a bill, please contact Elizabeth Newberg at newberge@ccsu.edu as soon as possible. Written testimony is due to the Higher Education Committee no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Liz can help you file your testimony online and help you draft testimony if needed.

Also of interest on the agenda is [HB 6919, AN ACT CONCERNING OUTCOMES-BASED FINANCING](#). This bill seeks to establish a task force to study and plan for the implementation of performance-based funding of higher

Appropriations Committee Higher Ed Subcommittee Work Session Held With BOR

The Appropriations Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee held a work session March 9 during which the Board of Regents testified that the budget shortfall for the coming year had grown by \$10 million to \$48 million, which is up from the \$38 million deficit predicted just two weeks ago. President Grey said all options are on the table to meet the shortfall, including a 12 percent tuition increase at the CSUs, a hiring freeze, lay offs, furloughs and closing programs. Please note, any layoffs would have to be negotiated with the union.

Bills: Week of 3/09

"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. You can [Track](#) the bill so you know the status of each bill.

The following list of bills have been identified as having a potential impact on our members if passed. We will follow the progress of the bills throughout the session and alert our members if action is needed.

Please remember that these are simply proposals. Thousands of bills are filed in a legislative session but only a few hundred make it to the Governor for consideration.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE:

H.B. 6812: AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Statement of Purpose: The bill is to permit faculty representation on the committees and subcommittees of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

SB 861: AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS AND DISCIPLINE OF FACULTY MEMBERS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To allow for criminal history records checks of faculty members of institutions of higher education in this state and to give such institutions the ability to discipline a faculty member for criminal conduct while employed by such an institution.

SB 6915: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS

Statement of Purpose: To (1) ensure that borrowers who take on student loans have adequate resources at their disposal, and (2) regulate student loan servicers in Connecticut.

Bills: Week of 3/09 Continued

PROPOSED Bill 6117: AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DIGITAL OPEN-SOURCE TEXTBOOKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To lower the cost of acquiring a college degree in Connecticut.

RAISED BILL 6919: AN ACT CONCERNING OUTCOMES- BASED FINANCING

Statement of Purpose: To establish a task force to study and plan for the implementation of performance-based funding of higher education.

**Please contact your
legislator to voice
your concern for
the future of higher
education!**

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Please consider writing or visiting your legislator to show your support for higher education. If we all join our voices together, they will be heard.

If you don't know who your legislator is or how to reach him or her, [Click here to find your legislator.](#)

If you want to know the status of a bill, you can [click here and see the latest developments.](#)

“Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the [Office of Legislative Research:](#)

1. Summary of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
2. Body Piercing and tattooing of Minors
3. HB6369, AAC Economic Development and Job Creation
4. Statutory Rape Laws by State

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