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# Union News

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## National AAUP Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession

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While the Great Recession in the broader US economy may be technically over, the same cannot be said for the higher education sector. The results of the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) annual survey of full-time faculty compensation are only marginally better than last year and represent the continuation of a historic low period for faculty salaries. For the second consecutive year, the overall average salary level increased at a rate less than inflation, and this is the fifth of the last seven years in which overall faculty salaries declined in purchasing power.

With three full years of data now available, we can begin to assess the direct impact of the recession on faculty compensation. This year's report examines two major aspects of the recession's impact: the ongoing expansion of contingent academic employment and growing salary inequality, both within the faculty and between faculty members and college and university presidents.

*It's Not Over Yet: The Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession, 2010–11* is now available ([full report](#) | [highlights and press release](#)).

## Actions in April



The April 13 “Take Class Action” Day began at another CSU—the California State University System—but it has grown to become a national movement to support of quality public higher education and fair contracts for university employees.

In Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University faculty will be sponsoring a tree of knowledge and invite faculty, staff, and students to write – on leaves to be hung on the tree – why higher education is important and should be a priority in Connecticut. Members of the Committee will be at various locations on campus

throughout the day of April 29, providing information and support to students and faculty urging them to contact their legislators. At the end of the day, the Committee will donate a real tree to the university.

Members of CSU-AAUP joined with the Connecticut State Conference AAUP and met with legislators on April 13 to discuss access, affordability and overuse of adjuncts, as well as the reorganization of public higher education that is being proposed in Connecticut.

## Reminders

### **ARP Award Implementation Meeting**

SEBAC Attorney Dan Livingston will be giving a brief status update and answering questions regarding the ARP Award implementation. The meeting is open to all unions and their respective members. The meeting will be held on **Friday, April 15 from 2:00-5:00pm** at in the Vance Academic Center, 105 at Central Connecticut State University. Please click for [directions to CCSU](#) and a [campus map](#).

CSU-AAUP plans to record the audio of the meeting, which will be posted on our website for members who cannot attend.

### **Elections**

The CSU-AAUP Officer election (and some local chapter elections) began on **Monday, April 4 and will end on Friday April 15 at noon**. Log on to <https://eballot3.votenet.com/csuaaup> to access the ballot(s). Use your last name as the username, and your University ID number (state employee number at WCSU) as your password.

### **Connecticut State Conference AAUP Annual Spring Meeting**

Save the Date! Thursday, May 12 at the Graduate Club (155 Elm Street, New Haven) from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. The topic will be “[Community Colleges in the National Spotlight: Gateway to a Better Future](#)” and the presenters are President Dorsey L. Kendrick (Gateway Community College) and President Vijay Nair (Connecticut State University-AAUP). CSU-AAUP members should contact their [local AAUP Chapter office](#) for spring meeting registration information.

Have a question? Get the answer!

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