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MEDIA ALERT

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WILLIMANTIC – ECSU students are staging a protest on campus, including a sit-in outside President Elsa Núñez’s office **Thursday, November 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Protesters also plan to march in and around [Gelsi-Young Hall on the ECSU campus](#)** as they join together to demand quality public higher education be kept available to all, not just the few.

Other students will enter President Núñez’s office during her office hours to ask questions about how recent Board of Regents contract proposals will affect students’ education at ECSU.

With rising inequality facing our nation and working families continually placed at a disadvantage, ECSU students are standing up to that injustice and demanding they receive quality public higher education. Public higher education is a public good and should be available for the many not the few.

Here are some student and faculty concerns about recent BOR contract proposals that could hurt the quality education students at the four CSUs receive:

- **Increase in class size**
- **Professors may be moved to another campus with no notice**, which means students could lose mentoring opportunities that lead to greater career development.
- **Less funding for research or curriculum development** means professors likely will not be up-to-date in latest developments in their field, or teaching methods, or be able to conduct research as part of a class.
- **Entire programs may be eliminated** for financial savings, which means students may have to change majors and alter career goals.
- **Increased administrative duties** for faculty means less time for their students.
- **More part time** professors will be hired, which means less professors available on campus regularly for advising.
- **State support for the CSUs has decreased** by nearly 30 percent since 1993 while costs for CSU students have increased nearly as much.

To see the BOR proposals go to: <http://www.csuaaup.org/>

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