

MEMORANDUM
Connecticut State Conference-AAUP

TO: All members of the Connecticut State Conference-AAUP

FROM: Irene Mulvey, CSC-AAUP President

DATE: April 6, 2010

RE: Proposed revisions to the CSC Constitution and Bylaws

At our annual spring meeting, members will be asked to vote on proposed revisions to the CSC Constitution and Bylaws. The current constitution and bylaws and the revised constitution and bylaws are posted for your review on the CSC website: <http://people.wcsu.edu/nairv/AAUPCSC.htm>

The Executive Committee of the CSC unanimously approved the revisions to the CSC constitution and bylaws and recommended that the revisions be put to a vote of the membership at the annual meeting on May 6, per the current constitution.

There are two reasons for the proposed revisions: (1) to enable the state conference to hold elections electronically through the national ballot, and, (2) to comply with Department of Labor concerns having to do with the election of members of state conference executive committees.

With regard to (1), we propose revisions to the nomination and election processes so that voting would be done electronically in conjunction with the national ballot. In enacting this change, the CSC will save an enormous amount of money, not to mention the time, effort and energy that members of the CSC Nominating Committee put into the current practice of holding our elections by secret US mail ballot. In short, these revisions preserve the openness of nominations and the confidentiality of voting while saving the conference a lot of money. Many state conferences have already adopted similar measures and held their elections in conjunction with the national ballot this year. It is our hope to have the CSC election process in our constitution revised before our next election in spring 2011, and this necessitates the proposed revisions to the constitution.

With regard to (2), the Assembly of State Conferences and the legal department at the national AAUP office have suggested that all state conferences review and revise their constitutions and bylaws to ensure that any member who attends the annual meeting of the ASC as a voting delegate has been elected by the conference members in a secret ballot. (This is to ensure that the election of the ASC chair, which takes place at the ASC annual meeting, complies with Department of Labor regulations.) The proposed revisions to the CSC constitution do exactly that – ensure that any member of the CSC who attends the annual meeting of the ASC will have been elected by the CSC members in a secret ballot.

In addition, some language has been updated to be more inclusive and to describe more accurately the work of the state conference, but the Executive Committee does not consider any of these changes to be substantive. The Executive Committee of the CSC unanimously approved all of the revisions.

If you have any questions about the proposed revisions, please contact my by email (mulvey@fairfield.edu). I would be happy to discuss any aspect of the proposed changes with any member of the CSC.