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CONGRESS OF CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Stronger Together



SEIU Local 1973

Representing Faculty and Professional Staff at Connecticut's Community Colleges

4C's UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2009

Solving Our Economic Crisis Without Sacrificing Services

There is a whirlwind of activity as the Governor and the legislature work to address the state's budget crisis. We will do our best to post all news on the [4C's website](#). Please check regularly for the latest information.

Actions are occurring on several fronts:

- **Legislative Action:** The 4C's Legislative Action Committee (meets Feb. 13) will be coordinating our activities at the Capitol. The Committee would like members to attend a SEBAC Economic Forum on Feb. 9, regional meetings with legislators, weekly lobby days at the Capitol, and more. Please see the calendar on the [4C's website](#) for more information.
- **Negotiations:** Representatives of the state employee unions are meeting with representatives of the Rell administration to discuss ways we can work together to save money and preserve services. All reports from these meetings are posted on the 4C's website.
- **Media Campaign:** The 4C's is part of the **In This Together** campaign, a coalition of people working together to preserve public services and offering ways to address the crisis. The campaign has an excellent website, with links to television commercials, press releases and more. Go to: www.inthistogetherct.org.

Governor Rell Proposes State Budget

Governor Rell proposed a budget yesterday that would affect the community colleges in several ways. She proposed creating a "[Middle College System](#)" by merging the community colleges with the technical high schools and elements of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. She also proposed budget reductions, nearly \$300 million in

Calendar

Delegate Assembly
Feb. 7, 10:30 AM
4C's Office

Economic Crisis Forum
Sponsored by SEBAC
Feb. 9, Noon
Legis. Office Bldg. 1C

NCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 11, 2:30 PM
Cul. Arts DR

Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 12

**Legislative Action
Cmte**
Feb. 13, Noon
4C's office

**Appropriations
Hearing
on Higher Ed Budget**
Feb. 13, 1:30 CCC
presentation; 4 PM Public
Hearing

Presidents Day
Feb. 16

CCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 18, 12:30 PM
Auditorium

HCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 19, 3:00 PM
A208

MXCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 19, 3:30 PM
605 Chapman

concessions from state employees, and a suspension of collective bargaining.

Both the 4C's and SEBAC are working on an analysis of what this will mean for us, our students, and our system. At the [4C's website](#), you can find links to the Governor's budget and specifically to the education section. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

Referendum on Changes to 4C's Constitution

Ballots were mailed out today for a referendum on proposed changes to the 4C's Constitution. The mailing includes an explanation of the proposed changes. The full text of the proposed Constitution is available on the [4C's website](#). If you do not receive a ballot next week, please call the 4C's office to make sure we have your correct mailing address: (860) 296-5172.

4C's Elections Committee

The election of 4C's Statewide Officers occurs this spring. The election process begins with the appointment of an Elections Committee at the February 7th Delegate Assembly. If you are interested in serving on the Elections Committee (you cannot be a candidate for elected office), please let your delegate know immediately. If you are considering running for an elected office, please consult the 4C's website next week for information on how to contact the Elections Committee to have your name put on the ballot.

MCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 26, LRC B142

TXCC Chapter Mtg
Feb. 26, 3:00 PM
Room 201

Delegate Assembly
March 6, 5:30 Dinner,
6:00 Meeting
4C's Office

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