

Malloy speech (<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=11&Q=474024>)
excerpt:

No discussion of education would be complete without discussing higher education. Last week, I proposed a complete overhaul of our State University and community college system - all with an eye toward giving each campus the flexibility it needs to better serve its students.

I'm confident those changes will allow us to focus our resources more directly on the goal at hand: graduating more students and graduating them in two and four years.

Yes, this budget asks our colleges and universities to step up just as the rest of state government must, but we are preserving their independence.

I firmly believe that UCONN and the new Board of Regents will demonstrate the creativity, the intelligence, and the resolve to live within their block grants without raising tuition beyond the inflation rate.

Budget Summary Excerpts:

CORE-CT and Removal of Position Control for Non-Faculty Positions Enhancing transparency, accountability and financial management of the state by bringing limited- or out-of-scope agencies into Core-CT, the state's financial and human resources system. This change will benefit the Executive and Legislative branches and, ultimately, the public by ensuring that all of the information necessary to manage the state is available in one place. Through this change, the constituent units of higher education, the judicial branch and the Legislative branch will, at minimum, provide regular updates of information (including information about financial transactions, payroll, and human resources) from their systems to Core-CT. Additionally, review and approval of non-faculty hiring within the higher education system and positions within the Division of Criminal Justice will follow the same process as other executive branch agencies. Funding is provided in the capital budget for development of changes to Core-CT to extend the system to limited- or out-of-scope agencies, as well as to upgrade Core-CT for any changes required to conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and to ensure continued vendor support of the software.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The proposed restructuring of higher education (see Consolidation section below), combined with budgetary reductions, is expected to yield savings in excess of \$78 million in FY 2012 and \$83 million in FY 2013 throughout the higher education system, including the constituent units of higher education and aid for private colleges.

Higher Education

Connecticut's economy depends upon an educated workforce - and new higher education governance model is critically needed. More coordination, expanded

transparency and streamlined administrative structures will provide the resources necessary to re-invigorate the academic missions of Connecticut State University System (CSUS), the Community-Technical Colleges (CTCs), Charter Oak State College (COSC), as well as the Department of Higher Education (DHE) itself. Connecting these institutions will facilitate improved student access and seamless articulation for all students, and enable the new, reinvigorated system to respond more effectively to workforce shortages and demands in an entrepreneurial manner. Students of all professional levels will benefit from greater opportunities and less overhead. This proposal:

- Creates one Board of Regents for Higher Education, eliminating existing boards for the Connecticut State University System, the community colleges, Charter Oak State College and the Board of Governors for Higher Education. The University of Connecticut will function separately from this governance; and
- Ensures that the Board of Regents will have budget, policy and long-range planning authority over CSU, CTCs and COSC; while improving coordination, expanding transparency and streamlining administrative structures.

Clarifying the Governor's budget authority. A number of changes are proposed that will enable the Governor to exercise his responsibility to offer and execute a responsible fiscal program for the state.

To Restore the Executive Branch's ability to recommend a budget for all of state government. Statutory changes are proposed to allow the Governor to recommend changes to requested funding for the Legislative branch, judicial branch agencies other than the Judicial Department, and watchdog agencies (the State Elections Enforcement Commission, Office of State Ethics and the Freedom of Information Commission, which are proposed to be combined into a new Office of Governmental Accountability). The requests from these agencies will still be presented in the Governor's recommended budget, but the Governor will be able to offer changes for consideration by the legislature during the appropriations process. As a separate and co-equal branch of government, this reform will allow the Executive branch to exercise its prerogatives under the constitution in order to offer a balanced budget that reflects the Governor's recommended policies and priorities.