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## April 2025 HELU Chair's Message – May Day Strong

*From Levin Kim, HELU Chair*

Over the first 100 days of the Trump Administration, higher ed workers from coast to coast have been fighting back against attacks on critical lifesaving research, on immigrant workers, on education and research in the public interest. We're in the fight of our lives, for our work, our communities, and our future.

Despite alarming news on the daily—from students and workers removed from our campuses, firings, program closures, government intervention in classroom curriculum, and brazen attacks on academic freedom—we refuse to be immobilised into inaction because we know a better world is possible if we fight for it. We're standing up for the future of higher ed by building a wall-to-wall, coast-to-coast movement of workers ready to organize, to fight, and to win. Now is the time for coalition-building, for moving your coworkers to take action together, and getting out in the streets. [Find and attend a May Day event near you](#) tomorrow, and stay tuned for more ways to take action.

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Over 1,000 international students across more than 170 colleges and universities in at least 40 states have reportedly had their visas revoked. The administration's actions have often been sudden and lacking clear explanations, leading to confusion and fear within academic communities. As the situation continues to evolve, it is imperative for academic institutions and communities to remain vigilant and supportive of international students, faculty, and staff. The potential for further visa revocations and the broader implications for academic freedom and free speech necessitate a collective response to uphold the values of higher education... [Read more.](#)

### [Delegates: Think about running for HELU officer positions!](#)

HELU will be conducting elections for new leadership in at the quarterly General Assembly in November 2025. They will serve from January 2026 to January 2028. There has never been a more important time for higher ed activists from all job positions in the higher ed workforce to step up and keep the ball rolling... [Read more.](#)

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## Higher Ed Labor in the News

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