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August 2024 HELU Chair's Message

[Coalition for Change: HELU's Work in Summer 2024](#)

Since our [Founding Convention](#) in May 2024, HELU leaders have been hard at work carrying forward our wall to wall and coast to coast vision for higher education as a public good. We've been building HELU's coalition and setting up internal structures that will help us realize our goals... [Read more](#).

[Read more from Mia McIver](#)

More from the HELU Blog:

[Connecting the Dots at "Breaking the Chains" Event](#)

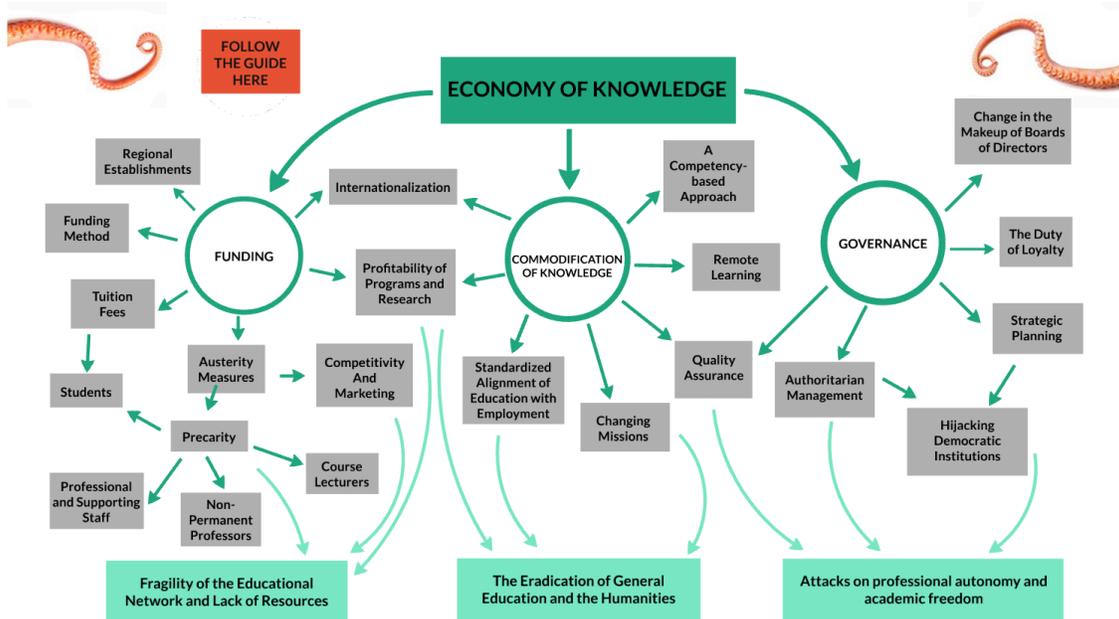
On July 31, HELU's Contingency Task Force (CTF) and the Debt Collective co-hosted a deep dive discussion into two related crises facing higher ed workers and students alike: debt and labor contingency... [Read more](#).

[In a stunning move, perceived pay inequality is solved by pay cuts](#)

Adjunct Librarians and counselors in Arizona's largest community college district get pay slashed in the name of "internal pay equity"... [Read more](#).

[Profiteering at the AFSCME 46th International Convention, August 10-16 in Los Angeles](#)

"I rise in support of this resolution both as a healthcare IT worker witnessing the ravages of privatization and profiteering on Oregon's healthcare system, as well as a patient with multiple chronic autoimmune issues. The impacts of privatization and profiteering on me and others as workers are massive. The only answer to this is union power."... [Read more.](#)



[HELU & COCAL: Can we talk?](#)

The Coalition on Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL) concluded its fifteenth bi-annual conference on August 9 in Gatineau, Quebec, drawing approximately 100 participants from Mexico, the US and Canada. This marked nearly 30 years of a project that is both unique and central to the fight to protect higher education as a public good.... [Read more.](#)

[HELU Committee Chairs and Resolutions from the Convention](#)

A listing of HELU Committee Chairs and resolutions passed by those committees at the HELU Convention in May 2024: [Read more.](#)

Solidarity Asks

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- [Tell UCLA: Reinstate Lecturer Dr. Beth Ribet!](#)
- [BU Grads Still On Strike: Ways to Support](#)



HELU Solidarity Asks come from higher education labor organizations looking to build solidarity with workers on a larger national or regional basis, to drive participation in a particular action or campaign that supports higher ed workers. This can include (but is not limited to) contributing to strike funds, writing letters to policy-makers, signing petitions, participation in virtual or in-person actions, and more. To submit a solidarity ask, please [complete the form here](#).

Upcoming Event

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NEW DEAL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
invites you

Thursday
September 12
at 7pm ET

**Shared Governance:
A Bet Gone Bad**

How anti-democratic governing boards are destroying universities [and what we can do about it](#)

Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn
Baker Ferguson Professor of Politics and Leadership
Emeritus, Whitman College

in conversation with Jennifer Ruth
Professor and Associate Dean, Portland State University

For more information on the topic, see:
<https://www.aaup.org/article/whose-university-boards>

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HIGHER ED LABOR UNITED

We thank colleagues and allies for co-sponsoring this event

September 12, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT

[Shared Governance: A Bet Gone Bad](#)

How anti-democratic governing boards are destroying universities and what we can do about it. From [Scholars for a New Deal for Higher Education](#).

Higher ed labor in the news

- "[Boston U Grad Worker Strike Now Longest in a Decade](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*
- "['I'm Not Crossing a Picket Line': Cornell Workers Begin Historic Strike](#)" *Cornell Daily Sun*
- "[AAUP Ends Two-Decade Opposition to Academic Boycotts](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*
- "[Students and Educators Are Joining Forces to Fight Book Bans Across the US](#)" *Truthout*
- "[Under New Florida Law, Eight Adjunct Unions Are Dissolved](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*

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Are you inspired by the pace-setting organizing HELU member unions and allies are leading? Get your union involved in HELU today!

- If your union has not yet formally joined HELU as a member and is interested in getting more involved, [contact us](#).
- If you are an individual whose union isn't a HELU member organization, [sign up for individual membership today](#).
- Want to attend a meeting or join a committee? Email us at info@higheredlaborunited.org.



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