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HELU Principles Across the Higher Education Labor Movement

[Recent developments in the American Association of University Professors \(AAUP\)](#) show how HELU's principles are reshaping the higher education labor movement. In a landslide victory, the United Faculty for the Common Good (UFCG) slate won four of the five open seats on AAUP's National Council in the election held at the organization's convention this June.

[Read more about the AAUP election, UFCG & HELU](#)

More from the HELU Blog:

[Oregon Health & Science University will lay off more than 500 as it buys 11 hospitals](#)

In a university-wide email sent late in the afternoon on Thursday, June 6th, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) President Danny Jacobs and his executive team provided "An update on our ongoing Strategic Alignment work, including necessary reductions in workforce." What followed was a lesson in double-speak worthy of an Orwell character... [Read more.](#)

[Contingency Contract Language and Strategy Exchange](#)

On June 11, Higher Education Labor United's Contingency Task Force (CTF) joined with the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), alongside MTA's Higher Education for All campaign, to co-host a "Contingency Contract

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for an engaged two hours of reflections on recent contract struggles and strategies... [Read more.](#)

[Address to National Council of Faculty Senates by Mike Budd, HELU delegate from UFF](#)

U.S. workers generally are fighting for more job security and against precarity and contingency, multi-tiered wage structures and the gig economy. In higher ed, we're fighting similar battles, but they're specifically about tenure, academic freedom and job security, promotion structures, multiyear contracts, state legislatures and contingent faculty, grad assistants and postdocs not making a livable wage... [Read more.](#)

[Why is Communications Workers of America \(CWA\) Pushing a Federal Public Sector Collective Bargaining Law?](#)

Almost half of the states in the US do not have public sector collective bargaining (CB). CWA's campaign is a call for solidarity across our very polarized political spectrum. Along with the support and strength of unions in states where there is public sector collective bargaining, a federal law would enable public sector workers in non-CB states to bargain their way up towards a level where a decent life is possible... [Read more.](#)

Solidarity Asks

- [Call for submissions – Dispatches from the Encampments and Beyond: Teaching and Student Protests for Palestine](#)
- [CWA: Join the Fight for Freedom for Nurses, Teachers, and Other Public Workers](#)
- [Sign on: The Faculty and Staff of DePaul University Demand Academic Freedom Protections](#)
- [Support Philadelphia University of the Arts Faculty & Staff Amid Closure](#)
- [Tell the North Dakota State Board of Higher Ed: Protect Tenure!](#)

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

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in virtual or in-person actions, and more. To submit a solidarity ask, please [complete the form here](#).

Upcoming Event

- July 31, 8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT
[Breaking the Chains of Debt and Contingent Labor](#)
Join us on July 31 as we host a deep dive discussion into two related crises facing higher ed workers and students alike: debt and labor contingency.
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Higher ed labor in the news

- ["Holocaust Scholar Raz Segal Loses Univ. of Minnesota Job Offer for Saying Israel Is Committing Genocide"](#) *DemocracyNow!*
 - ["After a Judge Paused the University of California Strike, Questions About 'No Strike' Provisions Remain"](#) *Portside*
 - ["Backlash against DEI spreads to more states"](#) *Stateline*
 - ["A Philadelphia arts school gave 7 days' notice it was closing. Now its students and faculty want answers."](#) *NBC News*
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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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