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## [June 2025 HELU Chair's Message](#)

*From Levin Kim, HELU Chair*

As we fight back against the Trump Administration's [budget reconciliation bill](#), we need to be united and prepared to face the attacks on higher education that will inevitably come this fall, whatever shape they may take... College and university campuses are places to learn, grow, and work with dignity and stability, as well as drivers of local economies and incubators of new ideas and innovation. We are building a fighting movement that is ready to defend this simple truth and win a world that actually works for all workers, not just the ultra wealthy... [Read more](#).

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*What you read here shows HELU's commitment to coast-to-coast and wall-to-wall organizing. We have items from rank-and-file staff in Oregon, part-time faculty in California, students in Arizona, a state-level union president in Minnesota, and local union presidents in Florida and New York. Some of our contributors are Delegates to HELU; two are on our Steering Committee. We urge HELU Delegates and members of HELU local unions to contribute reports of what is going on in and around their own local unions.*

– Helena Worthen, Co-Chair, HELU Media & Communications Committee

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missions. We as Higher Ed Labor United and our allies are standing together to offer a real alternative that works for all of us... [Read more.](#)

### [HELU x MADC: Mutual Academic Defense Compacts](#)

Rutgers University's Faculty Senate kicked off the MADC movement with a call for a NATO-like alliance of Big Ten universities, followed by UMass Amherst's Faculty Senate, which called for members of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) to stand together... [Read more.](#)

### [Ancient History: Where Part-Timers Came From](#)

Scott Douglas, an active part-timer in California, gives a detailed and insightful history of CA's part-time faculty and how higher education came to rely on these exploited workers... [Read more and watch.](#)

### [Arizona campus workers CWA Local 7065: Public comment as a structure test](#)

United Campus Workers CWA local 7065 is a pre-majority wall-to-wall union that represents workers at all three higher ed institutions in Arizona. CWA Local 7065 makes a point to show up to EVERY MEETING to flood the public comments section of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR)... [Read more.](#)

### [A Scarlet Letter for Boston Contingents](#)

Contingent academic workers from across Boston had our second meeting on June 18. Building a "wall-to-wall and coast-to-coast" organization begins with dense, metro-strategy organizing by region or city... [Read more.](#)

### [What's Happening and Why: HELU calls on academic workers to stand up](#)

If institutions won't stand up to the Trump administration, then it's up to academic workers, students, communities, and citizens to try and stand up for them. Because we have the strongest levers of power over our local institutions... [Read more.](#)

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## [and Construction Workers](#)

It is high time to revisit that bolder strategy of organizing all those sectors associated with higher education as HELU has proposed in its bold “wall-to-wall, coast-to-coast” strategy. This inspired a crew of us in Florida to hold our own statewide organizers meeting from various UFF chapters... [Read more](#).

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## Higher Ed Labor in the News

- [University Unions Stand Up to Trump’s Research Cuts While Administrators Waver](#) – The American Prospect
  - [The Republican Plot to Un-Educate America](#) – The New Republic
  - [Group aims to stop controversial law banning DEI at Ohio’s universities before it takes effect](#) – WOWK 13 News
  - [Union balks at University of North Alabama move to outsource campus workers](#) – FOX 54 News
  - [Reed College students win first contract](#) – Northwest Labor Press
  - [University Staff United rallies against worker termination](#) – The Michigan Daily
  - [The Case for College Sports Bargaining](#) – OnLabor
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