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[November 2024 HELU Chair's Message](#)

During our November 2024 General Assembly meeting, HELU delegates from around the country took stock of our current situation. Higher ed staff, student workers, contingent faculty, and tenure-line faculty from public and private institutions, from community colleges, state schools, and research universities, put their heads together to analyze the challenges ahead. The voices of HELU did not underestimate the threats to higher education and organized labor that are on the horizon but also expressed enormous resolve to continue organizing expansively... [Read more.](#)

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Solidarity Asks

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- [Community Sign-on Letter for United Academics of the University of Oregon](#)
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More from the HELU Blog:

[Voice Against Challenges](#)

As we prepare for the incoming Trump administration, the challenges ahead for unions and higher education are likely to intensify. The formation of Campus Labor Councils (CLCs) is an essential strategy to build unity, reinforce our collective power, and protect our rights... [Read more.](#)



[Celebrating the Transformative Success of Minnesota's North Star Promise Program](#)

Thanks to Minnesota's new North Star Promise program, enrollment in public and tribal higher education is increasing for the first time in over a decade. This initiative, which the Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) and other unions organized hard to win, was implemented in 2024 and provides tuition-free public or tribal higher education to Minnesota students with an income below \$80,000/year... [Read more.](#)

[No More Lecturers at UC Berkeley?](#)

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corporate “family” of foodservice and facilities service companies. Under this transfer, USF workers would no longer be public sector employees with access to state benefits and state pensions nor have the ability to bargain for salary and working conditions..... [Read more.](#)

[The March in March: California 2025 pushback against higher ed cuts](#)

A mass rally and march, the March in March, will be taking place on March 4th, 2025 in Sacramento... [Read more.](#)

[Italian FLC watches our Nov 5 election with concern \(report from before the election\)](#)

The Italian education union, the Federazione Lavoratori della Conoscenza (FLC), went on a 1-day strike on October 31, with demonstrations, sit-ins and flash mobs in 40 cities. Bargaining on a national basis for almost two hundred thousand members, FLC is asking for fair raises, an end to precarity and right-wing political attacks and “No” to what they call regionalization. Why is “regionalization” worth striking over?... [Read more.](#)

Higher Ed in the Age of Trump

How should we continue to fight for the common good?

Thursday, December 5 at 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT

Join us for an online forum about what people seeking to protect and improve higher ed will face and should do in the age of Trump. HELU will join other organizations to take steps towards crafting a shared vision and sense of common purpose among diverse advocacy groups. It's a prelude to a summit on the future of higher ed that SFNDHE will be holding in the spring. [Read more and register here.](#)

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- Karma Chavez** University of Texas Austin-AAUP
- Isaac Kamola** Center for Defense of Academic Freedom
- Rotua Lumbantobing** Vice President, AAUP
- Mia McIver** Higher Education Labor United (HELU)
- Nikil Saval** Pennsylvania State Senator
- Colena Sesanker** Connecticut BOR for Higher Ed

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Higher ed labor in the news

- [Higher Education Labor United \(HELU\) on the Heartland Labor Forum](#) section on HELU begins at 31:18
- ["Is Boston U. Blaming a New Contract for Its Freeze on Ph.D. Admissions?"](#) *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- ["Labor unrest continues at Oregon universities"](#) *OregonLive*
- ["California Federation of Teachers' push for a one-tier faculty system gets underway"](#) *City Times*
- ["UC patient care and service workers launch 2-day strike across California"](#) *ABC 7*

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- "[Graduate student workers overwhelmingly vote to unionize at Saint Louis University](#)" The University News

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