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

This month, HELU reached a momentous milestone. On September 16th at the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP), we rolled out a national [Statement of Unity](#) calling for full federal funding of public higher education, expanded access for students, and sustainable working conditions that put an end to exploitative part-time, low-wage, and temporary employment on our campuses.

What's remarkable about the Statement of Unity is not only these common aims, but also the unprecedented coordination among HELU and 10 national and international unions to affirm them.... [Read more.](#)

[Read more from Mia McIver](#)



[View the full September 16 event at the Community College of Philadelphia.](#)

More from the HELU Blog:

[UAW 2300 Workers Secure Landmark Contract After Successful Strike Against Cornell University](#)

Members of UAW Local 2300, representing 1,200 custodians, groundskeepers, cooks, food service workers, mechanics, greenhouse workers, gardeners, and other essential workers at Cornell’s Ithaca campus, have ratified a new four-year contract. It's a game changer... [Read more.](#)



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[Michigan](#)

Last month, a group of UMich undergraduate student workers were terminated from their positions and made ineligible for rehire at any University of Michigan position. These terminations and hiring bans amount to blacklisting of student protestors who speak up about their employer's involvement in Israel's occupation of Palestine and the broader military-industrial complex... [Read more.](#)

[Shared Governance: A Bet Gone Bad? How Anti-Democratic Governing Boards Are Destroying Universities and What We Can Do About It](#)

On Sept. 12, Scholars for a New Deal in Higher Education organized another virtual forum as part of its series to both raise awareness and provide guidance on effective action to address the crisis in higher education. It was co-sponsored by HELU and UCW-GA... [Read more.](#)

[AAUP is Changing, Moving to Join the Growing Higher Education Labor Movement](#)

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is becoming more of a labor union and less of an old-fashioned advocacy organization, with new, more activist leadership, influenced by increased organizing in the higher education labor movement, and moving to counter more authoritarian management by higher education bosses... [Read more.](#)

Solidarity Asks

- [Stop Stanford From Terminating Every Creative Writing Lecturer!](#)
- [Support SEIU Local 73 Workers' Strike at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign](#)
- [Support University of Wisconsin System Workers in Their Fight for the Public Higher Education We All Deserve!](#)
- [Tell Tufts U: Workers deserve a fair contract with livable wages, transparent responsibilities, and equitable workloads!](#)

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

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strike juries, 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 Events

HELU Constitution & Bylaws Town Halls

HELU will hold two town halls for feedback on our [Constitution & Bylaws](#) from member unions, committee members, delegates, and individual members. We welcome input at the town halls and [through this form](#).

Register for the town halls using these links:

- [Register for Fri. September 27 at 1pm ET/Noon CT/11am MT/10am PT](#)
 - [Register for Mon. October 21 at 8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT](#)
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[Organizing Strategies and Victories in Non-Collective Bargaining Contexts: A Two-Part Series](#)

Many campus workers today are demoralized, dispirited, and disempowered. And many are channeling personal disillusionment into political consciousness and transforming individual grievance into collective organizing. But how do you do that when you don't have a union?

[Join HELU for two linked Zoom events:](#)

- **Tues. Nov. 12, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT**
Organizing Strategies and Victories in Non-Collective Bargaining Contexts
- **Tues. Nov. 19, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT**
How to Win Collective Bargaining Rights: Lessons from Campaigns in Progress

[Register for November 12 & 19](#)

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- "[University of California Faculty File Free Expression Unfair Labor Practice](#)" *Academe Blog*
- "[Academic freedom is on life support,' say professors surveyed on tenure, censorship](#)" *Florida Phoenix*
- "[University of Illinois dining and custodial workers go on strike](#)" *IPM News*
- "[Contingent faculty at IC find solidarity in union as higher ed unionization increases](#)" *The Ithacan*
- "[Degrees not debt': Labor unions join forces to cut debt for college students](#)" *NBC 10 Philadelphia*

We're growing – get involved!

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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