



Annual Delegate Assembly

NEW BUSINESS ITEM FORM_2023

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To be filled in by MSCA

Opposing the Privatization of Mass Public Colleges and Universities 5-5-2023/ 9:00am

NBI NAME

DATE/TIME

Laura Baker

Fitchburg State University

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DELEGATE MAKING MOTION

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION

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DELEGATE SECONDING MOTION

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION

According to MSCA Standing/Special Rules: With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

That the MSCA leadership support and promote opportunities for members to learn how to expose privatization on their campuses, including attending Workshops on privatization at the 2023 MTA Summer Conference.

That the MSCA create a Anti-privatization ad hoc committee to work with Chapters to identify and compile a list of all private contracts in place currently on their campuses and to interrogate

the terms of these contracts together. The committee will help Chapters organize members on our campuses, in coalition with other unions, to oppose and challenge private contracts for work that can and should be undertaken by campus employees.'

That the MSCA President send a letter to the MTA Candidate Recommendation Committee to identify candidates who are committed to strong funding for public higher education and who oppose privatization in higher education.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE: Privatization is threatening the public good throughout all spheres of society (see *The Privatization of Everything* - recommended by the [New York Times](#)).

Decades of public divestment in public higher education in Massachusetts has already resulted in the incipient privatization of our public colleges and universities, which are now largely funded by direct fees to students, rather than through general government revenues;

One consequence of this trend is the exclusive reliance on student fees to construct, maintain, and run auxiliary services on campus, including residence halls, dining services, fitness, recreation and athletic facilities, and performance arts centers (see the [Massachusetts Campus Debt Report](#)). Debt-burdened campuses are increasingly turning toward so-called public-private partnerships for construction projects, moving resources from public to private control (as proposed at Bunker Hill Community College) and subjecting students to exorbitant rents (as at UMass Amherst). The profit-motive of privatized campus services is responsible for significant rising costs to students, limiting access and diversity, moving our campuses toward a return-on investment model with a more instrumental job-oriented curriculum, and impinging on faculty control, tenure and academic freedom.

University control of public campus operations is being undermined as universities outsource operational functions to private corporations, such as the outsourcing of enrollment management services to EAB and Academic Partnerships and the current bid for a privately operated Institutional Advancement Department at UMass Amherst that would retrench over 100 Professional Staff Union members.

Public campus operations should be under the control and operation of the universities including both core and auxiliary services, and staffed with unit members of the campuses' employee unions. The Missions of our universities, the number of unionized campus employees, and shared governance are slowly but steadily eroding due to the privatization of our campuses.

EXPECTED DUES IMPACT: \$0

SUBMITTER'S COST & WORKLOAD ESTIMATE:

We encourage the Ad Hoc Committee to apply for a MTA Public Relations & Organizing Grant should organizing funds be needed to hold an event or to secure resources.

MSCA President: 10 hours
MSCA Vice President: 40 hours
MSCA Web Curator: 5 hours
Ad Hoc Committee members: 40 hours

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS must be submitted to the Presiding Officer prior to the commencement of the meeting. Those submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3 will be distributed to the delegates prior to the meeting. New Business Items **with** budgetary implications will be acted upon prior to the adoption of the annual budget and the dues. A new business item with budgetary implications is defined as any activity or action that would result in an additional expenditure of more than \$500 by the MSCA. New Business Items will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Submit to: president@mscaunion.org

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Gonsalves, Vice President of the MSCA at vicepresident@mscaunion.org