

# UPDATE



November 2012

## Members of Local 1067 attend class

Seven members of the local spent a Saturday taking a class on AFSCME Financial Standards Code in Pittsfield MA. It is part of AFSCME continuing effort to educate those responsible for handling our union's funds and other assets, maintaining our financial records, and making decisions regarding expenditures. The Code is one of the most comprehensive sets of financial standards in the labor movement. It provides step-by-step procedures for maintaining financial records, preparing meaningful financial reports, makes recommendations regarding sound business procedures, clarifies the rules governing paying wages, reimbursing expenses, paying allowances, etc. Thank You for our members giving up their personnel time to help our Local maintain the high standards that we all strive for.

## AFSCME INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LEE SAUNDERS IN BOSTON ON SUNDAY, NOV. 4

As we head into the final days leading up to the 2012 election, AFSCME International President Lee Saunders will visit Boston to meet with AFSCME and other union activists volunteering for our "Get out the Vote" efforts. **Please join us to show your support for President Saunders and all labor-supported candidates in the 2012 Election.**

Details of President Saunders' visit are as follows:

**DATE:** Sunday, November 4

**TIME:** 12:00 noon

**LOCATION:** Gasfitters Local 12  
1240 Massachusetts Ave  
Boston, MA



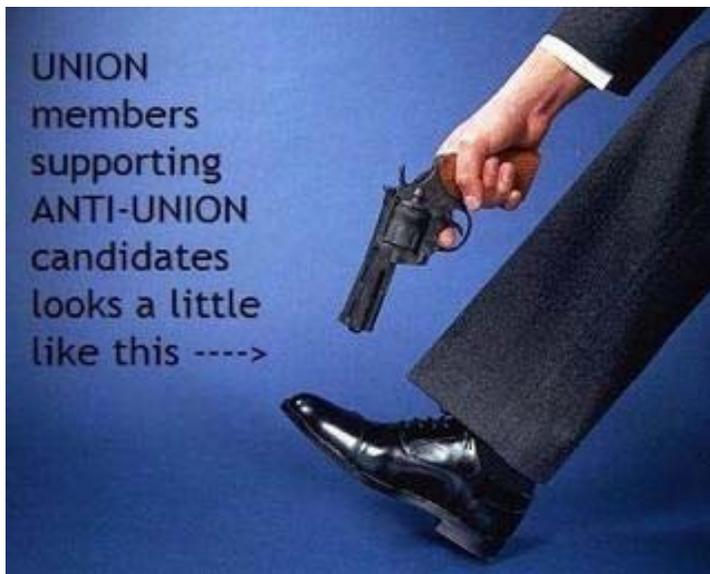
It is only 4 days until Election Day and—to trot out the old cliché—it really is the most important election of our lifetimes. The work that AFSCME activists and our allies do in the next 6 days will shape the political landscape in the fight for workers' rights over the next two years. This election is not about Democrats and Republicans or liberals fighting conservatives. ***It's about electing politicians that support public service workers.***

## MAIL YOUR BALLOTS IN TODAY!

Elections for:

**Vice President  
Treasurer  
(2) 2 Year Trustees**

To will be done by mail in ballots to:  
8 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA  
on or before November 8, 2012  
and counted on November 9, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.



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Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

— John F. Kennedy

## Sisters and Brothers of Local 1067:

With the winter soon approaching, I am sending out a great opportunity that some of our home owners may not be aware of. You can get solar panels put on the roof of your property for free if your property qualifies. This would drastically cut the cost of your electric bill. I met with this company at my house and I will be having the panels installed at my property. This company "Solar City" is featured on the Hub. However, your property doesn't have to be in the City of Boston to participate in this program. They know that we reach across the state of Massachusetts and will be willing to meet with all our members to see if you qualify for this program. I have attached **Benjamin Nutter** to this email. Benjamin is an Energy Consultant for Solar City. His phone number is **978-995-8628** if you want to call him with any questions. I am always looking for ways to save our members money and this is a great one so long as your property qualifies.

Again, your property doesn't have to be in the City to qualify. This is for everyone so feel free to share this with everyone who can take advantage! This program will end soon, so don't wait. You can also call 888-765-2489. While they are there, they can also set up your free home energy assessment. That's where they come and replace all your light-bulbs for free and show you ways to better insulate your home and conserve energy.

Thanks everyone and have a great day!  
Kevin Hanley, President of AFSCME Local 1067.

***This program is for a limited time for all that mention 1067.***

***So tell all your friends and family to say 1067 – They will not ask of an ID from 1067.***

Good Luck! It was well worth the time I spent with Ben.

**Benjamin Nutter**  
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SolarCity will install a solar system on your home for free. You simply pay for your clean solar power by the month – just like your utility bill – only lower. So you save money month after month for years to come.

## Warren/Tierney Labor Walk

by: Julie Curtis

Wanted you to know it was a 'good' Labor Walk for Elizabeth Warren/John Tierney last Saturday. I was paired with a retired postal worker from Bedford and our assignment was South Peabody.

We had a good time and we worked well together. People were receptive to both candidates. We were out from 10:00 am to 12:30 and then the both of us drove to Beverly to try and catch some of the Rally. Unfortunately by the time we got through 'fighting' through Salem to get to Beverly, the rally had finished. We did get to speak with Elizabeth though and she was very gracious. I explained that we were just getting off a Labor Walk for the both of them, she took my hand and personally thanked me!

There is one final Labor Walk on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I have already signed up for it. I will keep you posted about that one.

Thanks for all your support over the years.

## 4 wounded in shooting on USC campus

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities say four people have been shot and wounded during a Halloween party on the University of Southern California campus.

Capt. David Carlisle of the USC Department of Public Safety says two people were detained following the shooting shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Los Angeles police say the four victims were rushed to hospitals after the shooting at Tutor Campus Center. There was no immediate word on their conditions.

According to KNBC, Assistant Chief John Thomas of the USC Department of Public Safety says a dispute between 2 non-students led to the shooting.

The Los Angeles Times reports that the violence occurred outside the party attended by about 100 people. Police then declared the campus "shut down" and issued an alert urging students to remain indoors.

Campus police did not provide any details on the two people who were detained.

## Anyone Who Harms Labor, Harms America:

"All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms is treason. If a man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President



# History of Veterans Day



World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Robert LaPage, of Holyoke Community College, makes a point during Tuesday's meeting with Massachusetts Gaming Commissioners

## Massachusetts Gaming Commission gets offer from community colleges to help train casino workers

Tuesday, October 02, 2012, 9:18 PM By [Lori Stabile, The Republican](#)

HOLYOKE – As the region prepares for the building of a resort casino, two members of the state Gaming Commission heard from Holyoke Community College representatives on the importance of preparing the workforce to work at the facility, and from the Pioneer Valley Building Trades Council on the need to make sure the construction jobs are kept local.

William Messner, Holyoke Community College president, unveiled a “draft” plan, in which the gaming commission would enter into a memorandum of understanding with the state Community College System Casino Career Training Institute to prepare workers.

The institute, comprised of various community colleges and workforce development agencies, would work with the commission to design an estimated \$9 million workforce program. This would include recruitment and screening of potential casino employees, as well as provide career counseling, training and job placement for all licensed positions.

How to fund the program is still being worked out, the officials told the commissioners.

“It’s not going to be inexpensive,” Messner told the commissioners.

Jeffrey P. Hayden, Holyoke Community College’s vice president of business and community services, later said the money could come from the state or federal government, or possibly through direct payments by individuals enrolled in the programs, or the casinos themselves.

Messner estimated that there will be a statewide pool of at least 30,000 applicants for the 10,000 employees that the casinos will hire.

“It’s going to take an investment on someone’s part to put that into place,” Messner said.

Robert LePage, Interim Director of Foundation and Alumni Services at Springfield Technical Community College, said the community colleges would be responsible for training potential employees. The draft plan lists the amount of hours needed to become a dealer - with craps needing the most training at 160 hours.

Hayden said Holyoke Community College has an agreement in place to buy Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey’s casino training curriculum, so it can prepare residents for gaming jobs.

Hayden expects the curriculum to be available next year, before the single Western Massachusetts casino license is awarded in 2014. Companies competing for the license include Mohegan Sun, which wants to build in Palmer, and Ameristar Casinos, Penn National Gaming and MGM Resorts International, all of which are looking at Springfield for their projects.

The state gaming law also calls for two other casinos elsewhere in Massachusetts, and a slot parlor.

Hayden told the commissioners that “we need to grow the pool” of potential employees.

“We need to get folks who are unemployed and underemployed,” Hayden said.

Messner said it is their hope to come before the commission with a finalized draft in a month or two, with more details about funding. At that time, he said the commission could make a determination on the recommendations.

“This is very exciting; it’s creative and comprehensive,” Gaming Commissioner James F. McHugh said about the draft plan.

Jason Garand, business manager for Carpenters Local 108 of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, said he represents more than 900 craftsmen and women in the 101 cities and towns of Western Massachusetts.

“This will be the largest single project in the history of this area by potentially fourfold,” Garand said.

Garand said that to date, the Baystate Medical Center “Hospital of the Future” project was historically the largest at \$300 million, but pointed to MGM, which wants to build an \$800 million project in Springfield’s south end.

“The manpower exists right here. Skilled tradesmen and women are ready to go to work but they need the Gaming Commission to set minimum requirements that ensure a percentage of the workforce comes from the host and surrounding communities,” Garand said.

Garand wants the Gaming Commission to consider setting a minimum percentage of 50 percent local workers on the project; he said Baystate used 25 percent.

Gaming Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, of Springfield, also attended the meeting, which was advertised as an “informal, information gathering session;” the three other commissioners were at a gaming conference in Las Vegas.

## **Site work to begin on new 400-bed dorm**

**WORCESTER** — Construction of a 400-bed student residence hall and an adjoining dining facility at Worcester State University will be done in two phases, with the site preparation work beginning this fall.

According to a Notice of Intent filed with the Conservation Commission by the Massachusetts State College Building Authority, the first phase of the project will involve the relocation of existing natural gas and water lines that currently run through what will be the footprint of the new residence hall.

It will require the relocation of 635 feet of a natural gas line and 525 feet of a water line that run through that part of the WSU campus.

The first phase also involves the construction of a retaining wall, installation of an electric duct bank and grading the site in preparation for construction of the residence hall and dining facility.

Michael Howard of Epsilon Associates Inc. told the Conservation Commission last night that work on the first phase of the project is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

He said work on the construction of the new residence hall and dining facility will then begin early next year and should take about 12 months to complete.

The Massachusetts State College Building Authority plans to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the second phase of the project by the end of this year.

A Notice of Intent had to be filed with the Conservation Commission because the project falls within the 100 feet of a wetland. After holding a public hearing on that notice last night, the next step in the process is for the commission to issue an order of conditions for the work to be done.

The planned \$40 million residence hall/dining facility will be built on the west side of the 58-acre WSU campus off Chandler Street, on a bluff overlooking the football and baseball fields between two existing dormitories — Dowden Hall and Wasylean Hall.

Robert Daniels, associated director of facilities at WSU, said the plan is to have the new facilities completed in time for the start of the fall semester in 2014.

Because the project is being done in two phases, he said, the project schedule will be a tight one.

By dividing the project into two phases, Mr. Howard said, it will allow the university to avoid any interruptions in utility services once construction of the building begins.

He said the project will not require significant tree clearing — about 11 trees will have to be taken down.

Because a number of on-campus parking spaces will be lost as a result of the project, Mr. Daniels said, WSU officials are looking at various options, including the possibility of off-campus parking.

“We will be losing quite a few parking spaces and they will not be replaced as part of this project,” he said. “We realize that (on-campus) parking is a very sensitive issue and some options are being explored.”

About 1,200 undergraduates, or about 30 percent of WSU’s enrollment live on campus. The addition of the new residence hall is intended to meet current demand for on-campus housing and is not meant to increase the school’s overall student population.

## **BCC evacuates Fall River campus after bomb threat**

October 24, 2012 11:09 AM

**FALL RIVER** — A bomb threat called in about 10 a.m. today prompted Bristol Community College officials to evacuate the Elsbree Street campus, a spokesman said.

Sally Cameron said BCC officials had hoped to reopen the campus at noon but that the college would remain closed until 4 p.m. to give state police more time to search the buildings and grounds. Night classes have not been canceled, she said.

Police canine units were still searching the campus this afternoon, and access was blocked at the main entrance. Police were allowing students and employees to retrieve their cars from the school’s parking lots.

Jessica Rodrigues, 22, of Warren, R.I., told a reporter she was 45 minutes into taking a math exam when her class of about 20 students was notified by campus police that they had to leave immediately because of a bomb threat.

Her friend Alicia Marafino, 22, of Seekonk, said she arrived on campus about 10:30 a.m. and was told classes were canceled.

“We both have been coming here for four years, and nothing like this has ever happened before,” Marafino said.

The only information on BCC’s website early this afternoon was a short emergency alert that said: “Fall River Campus closed until 4:00pm today. If you are on your way, please stay off campus until 4:00pm.”

Today’s shutdown only affects the Fall River campus, Cameron said.

## FRAMINGHAM —

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The new project, announced by MassBay and Gov. Deval Patrick on Wednesday, entails creating a 160,000-square-foot campus somewhere downtown that will accommodate 4,000 students. Estimated to cost about \$64 million, the initiative is getting started with a \$22 million capital funding contribution from the state.

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While Framingham State University is nearby, some people downtown said it's a little too far away from the main shopping areas. "For kids, most of them can't travel that far," said Maryann Morales of Framingham, whose daughter, Ashley, is currently a student at MassBay's Framingham campus. "This will bring more students in."

Framingham School Superintendent Stacy Scott said MassBay's larger presence will strengthen the growing partnership between his district and the college.

The move will also have a big impact on the school system's long-term facilities plan, with Farley Middle School, which MassBay has leased from the town for the past 15 years, coming back into the district's building stock. Anticipating the college's departure, the School Department recently undertook a feasibility study of Farley and nearby Fuller Middle School to determine which building is a better choice for long-term investment.

In the meantime, Scott said the town is willing to extend MassBay's lease.

"If they need a year or two to design their building and move in, we'll make that decision relatively soon," he said.

MassBay's lease expires next August; it plans to move out by 2014 or 2015, according to the college's preliminary timetable.

# Patrick Administration Grants \$27.8 million to Western MA Community Colleges

This week the Patrick Administration announced its latest round of funding for community colleges in Massachusetts, including over \$25 million to campuses in the western part of the state.

The grants are part of a \$2.2 billion higher education bond bill passed by the legislature in 2008. The funding announced this week brings over \$21 million to Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. Ellen Kennedy, president of the college, says the money will fund the renovation of the campus' two main classroom buildings.

"It's a very exciting change for this campus. It's the first time in forty years we would have this kind of investment in our infrastructure."

Kennedy says the renovations are still in the design phase, but says state funding will cover most of the renovation costs. Paul Reville is the state's Secretary of Education. He says investments in community colleges alleviate unemployment, and provide long-term economic growth in the state.

"There are a lot of jobs out there right now that require more than a high school degree but less than a four-year baccalaureate degree, and our community colleges are ideal training engines for these kinds of jobs."

The administration also announced \$6.8 million for Springfield Technical Community College. That money will go towards renovations and repairs in the school's main classroom and student activity building.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD APPOINTMENTS | WGBH GM Named Bunker Hill CC Chair

Gov. Deval Patrick on Friday named a senior WGBH official as chairwoman of the Bunker Hill Community College Board of Trustees.

Marita Rivero, who oversees all of WGBH's radio, TV and web activities, will start as chair on Jan. 1, 2013, succeeding Jeanne-Marie Boyland. Under a new law, the governor appoints the board chair of each community college.

# Students speak on RCC allegations

October 5, 2012 By Peter Shanley

As a cloud of controversy hangs over Roxbury Community College (RCC), including a federal investigation into accusations of underreporting crime and a state audit into financial and other issues, the Gazette recently went to the RCC campus to find out how the students felt.

Many students gave credence to the term "commuter school," saying they were in a rush to get to class or work and couldn't talk. But the Gazette managed to speak with two students, including one questioning the administration's openness about the controversies.

RCC has undergone drastic changes over the past few months, such as Terrence Gomes stepping down as president in June. He was replaced by Interim President Dr. Linda Turner. And last month, Gov. Deval Patrick replaced many members of the RCC Board of Trustees and named Kathy Taylor as the new chairperson.

"It does affect us," Sadie Barboza, who is in the last semester of the health careers program, said about the controversies. "It is our institution."

She said she wishes the administration was more forthcoming about what was happening at the school.

Turner did not respond to a request for comment, but her office did say that the president is committed to keeping the students informed and plans to release more information soon.

Barboza said she hasn't read all of the media coverage of what has been happening at the school, but did attend a student gathering called "Pizza and Politics" where the controversies were discussed. She said some students were confused about exactly what was going on.

When asked about the underreporting of crime allegations, she said they did not make her feel unsafe, even though it probably should.

"They should be reporting all crime," she said.

Despite the controversies, Barboza said she is "getting a good education from the professors."

Another student the Gazette spoke with was Anthony Simmons, who is in the liberal arts program. He called RCC "nice" and said he couldn't talk about the controversy because he hadn't been following it. Simmons did say he wishes the school's publicity wasn't negative.

RCC recently received a boost as Patrick visited the campus on Oct. 2 to announce \$20.7 million in capital funds for the school, according to a press release.

The money is slated to be used to renovate the Academic and Media Arts building, as well as support study and planning related to new infrastructure for life science and health programming.

"Roxbury Community College is full of talent and promise and potential," said Patrick, according to the press release. "These funds will help the students and faculty seize the opportunities before them."

## Gov. appoints Moynihan chair of NECC board

HAVERHILL - Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday appointed William Moynihan chairman of the Board of Trustees at Northern Essex Community College.

Moynihan is the current chairman and yesterday's announcement is an affirmation of his appointment under the governor's new authority to appoint the board chairs at each of the state's 15 community colleges.

The governor's community college plan, supported by the Legislature and included in the FY13 budget, calls for a more integrated, effective community college system that is responsive to both local and statewide employer needs. Moynihan retired last year and most recently served as the Chief Probation Officer at Haverhill District where he was responsible for implementing the policies set forth by the Probation Commissioner and First Justice of the Court and oversaw a staff of nearly 25. He has previously served as a Line Probation Officer and the Social Service Coordinator and Director of Security at Haverhill Housing Authority.

He graduated from Northern Essex Community College with an associate of arts degree, attended Boston State College where he earned a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement, and attended Anna Marie College where he earned a master's degree in criminal justice. He has been a member of the board of trustees at Northern Essex Community College for over four years.

"Northern Essex was a stepping stone for me, leading to further education and a challenging career, and it's an honor and a privilege to be chosen as chair of the college's talented board of trustees," Moynihan said.

## Helen Caulton-Harris, Hector Toledo appointed chairs of HCC and STCC by Gov. Deval Patrick



BOSTON — Governor Deval Patrick Friday appointed Helen Caulton-Harris as chair of the Board of Trustees at Holyoke Community and Hector Toledo as chair of the Board of Trustees at Springfield Technical Community College.

Caulton-Harris and Toledo are the current board chairs at their community colleges and their appointment by the governor is an affirmation of their appointments under the governor's new authority to appoint the board chairs at each of the state's 15 community colleges.

Patrick's community college plan, supported by the Legislature and included in the fiscal 2013 budget, calls for the governor to appoint the chair of the board of trustees at each community college.

Education Secretary S. Paul Reville said the intent of the plan is to create a more integrated, effective community college system that is both responsive to both local and statewide employer needs by giving community colleges additional capacity to expand their efforts to provide students with high-quality, relevant educational and training programs.

The plan is intended to strengthen connections between the campuses, employers and the work force so students of all ages have the opportunity to succeed.

Toledo is the vice president and retail sales director for Hampden Bank in Springfield.

Caulton-Harris is the director of the Division of Community Services for the city of Springfield where she is responsible for the administrative oversight of four city departments and directly supervises the Springfield Department of Health and Human Services, the Pioneer Valley Area Health Education Services and Health Services for the Homeless.

Patrick recently awarded community colleges a total of \$4 million in grants to support increased skill training and work force alignment, improved student learning outcomes and efficiency measures at campuses across the state.

The grants will give campuses the additional capacity to promote higher completion rates of degrees and certificates, be more responsive to the needs of local economies and adopt a systemwide standard core of course offerings.



## More women reporting incidents at Framingham State

A few weeks after several sexual assaults were reported on campus, more incidents in which women appear to have been targeted have been recorded at Framingham State University. No one was physically harmed in the latest complaints, however, and campus police Chief Brad Medeiros said the incidents were unrelated to each other.

"I don't think it's a recent spike" in suspicious activity, he said. Police hope the string of recent occurrences instead reflects that students are being more proactive about reporting unusual activity on campus.

The latest complaint came on Thursday from a female student who claimed someone snapped a picture of her as she was showering in a bathroom at Larned Hall that afternoon. The woman told police she saw a white hand holding either a digital camera or black cell phone reach into the stall, according to the university.

"We don't know for a sure if a photo was taken," Medeiros said. "But the flash did go off."

Campus police and the Office of Residence Life are investigating the incident, which police believe to be an isolated case, according to a statement from the university.

Other incidents reported to police in the past week and a half include:

- An Oct. 10 complaint by a female student that she was approached by a man in a car as she was walking late at night on Maynard Road. After the two had a conversation that was not "offensive or threatening in nature," police said, the woman claimed the man followed her in his car as she continued walking to her off-campus residence until he eventually drove off toward High Street.

- On Wednesday of this past week, several female students were approached on campus by a man in his early 30s who asked them for kisses for a "scavenger hunt" he was participating in. While his actions weren't illegal, they were "unusual," said police, who wanted to find and question the man.

"Anything out of the ordinary, we want it to be reported," said Medeiros, who said his department has also been more active recently in sending alerts out to the campus via social media. The chief said there is no immediate threat to anyone on campus, and that in all four sexual assaults reported on campus in September - two male students suspected in the cases have since been removed from campus - the alleged victim knew her assailant.

No charges have yet been filed in either of those cases, which remain under investigation by the Middlesex District Attorney's office.

Despite the recent incidents, several female students on Friday said they feel safe on campus.

"I don't really think about it," said sophomore Juanita Thomas, who added she was still disturbed to hear about the shower incident reported on Thursday.

"That's creepy," said fellow sophomore Michelle Villada, who has been keeping an eye out for the campus police's safety bulletins recently. "Ever since that (sexual assault complaint) came out, I've been trying to watch for them."

That would come as good news to Medeiros, who said his department encourages vigilance regardless of recent events on campus.

"We really stress that people need to pay attention to the safety bulletins to let them know when something is happening," he said.

## Romney-opposes expanding collective bargaining rights for public workers



In keeping with the spirit of the anti-public sector union platform adopted this week at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., Mitt Romney declared yesterday that he will fully embrace an anti-worker agenda if he wins the White House.

In a written response to questions posed by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the Republican Presidential nominee said that "I would not support an expansion of collective bargaining rights for public employees."

As governor of Massachusetts, Romney attempted to strip firefighters and police officers throughout the state of their collective bargaining rights. On the Presidential campaign trail, he backed the brazen efforts of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Ohio Gov. John Kasich to kill those same basic rights for state and local workers.

And similar anti-worker rhetoric was loud and clear in Tampa this week. Read the worst of what was said by governors and right-wingers targeting us as proud union members. And sign our petition to say 'No!' to union busting and the Romney-Ryan agenda.

The Republican platform adopted this week veers even further to the right than in previous years, when they gave at least grudging respect to American workers. This year there is no recognition of the importance of workers' rights in our democracy. In fact, the platform encourages governors to launch Scott Walker-like attacks on public sector workers. The platform states: "We salute Republican governors and state legislators who have saved their states from fiscal disaster by reforming their laws governing public employee unions."

"Watching the Republican National Convention this week, we've all had a front-row seat to how dangerously anti-union the GOP is and how devastating a Romney-Ryan victory would be for our members," AFSCME Pres. Lee Saunders said.

As Bill Fletcher Jr. of the Institute for Policy Studies puts it, Romney and Ryan want to eliminate labor unions because they see them as obstacles to their objectives of increasing wealth for those at the top. Unions, on the other hand, want to be assured of fair compensation, safe working conditions and retirement security so that the latter years of workers' lives are not ones found in poverty, malnutrition and poor health.

"Most of the world recognizes that these demands are basic human rights," Fletcher adds. "Unfortunately, the Romney/Ryan ticket looks at them as obstacles to profit."

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