# WHAT'S NEW ON CAMPUS?

### UMASS BOSTON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FEES JUST WENT UP 6%, AND GRADUATE FEES INCREASED 8%.

That's a lot of money for students trying to hold down jobs while going to school and taking on an average debt of \$7,500 every year.



Public higher education should not be financed on the backs of students. And, while we're happy to announce that UMass staff and faculty will finally be paid our long-negotiated raises, it should not have taken nine months and thousands of campus union members fighting to make a resolution possible.

### IT COULD BE DIFFERENT.

COME TO THE UMASS TRUSTEES MEETING!
ASK THEM TO BE TRUE STEWARDS OF THE
UNIVERSITY AND ADVOCATE FOR FULLY-FUNDED
PUBLIC EDUCATION!

9 AM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

To get involved, contact the Student Government Association or your union.









## **JUST IMAGINE...**

- Graduating from UMass without crushing debt **because** public higher education is largely funded by our state and federal governments (as it is in many other countries).
- Debt-free college • Working at a public university where the faculty and staff who keep the university running were truly valued and didn't have to fight each year for adequate funding.
- Being part of a public university whose trustees refused to shift budget cuts on to the backs of students and employees.
- Being part of a public university where students, communities, faculty and staff could influence decisions about budget and policy, because these decisions were transparent and we were invited to fully participate in them.
- Being part of a public university whose leaders refused to join the privatizing



bandwagon, and instead stood up in public to announce that enough is enough – enough educational and economic inequality, enough tax cuts for the wealthy, enough privatization.

Living in a state where the wealthy paid their fair share of taxes, and public services were fully funded.

#### LET'S SEE WHERE OUR IMAGINATION CAN TAKE US

Let's ask the UMass trustees to be true stewards of the University and advocates for fully-funded public education and tell them that the well of student fee increases has finally run dry!

Let's join the Fair Share amendment campaign, which by taxing yearly income over one million dollars will finally give the Massachusetts 99% a hand with our urgent education and transportation needs. Instead of tolerating any more excuses about raising student fees because of a lack of state funding, let's make the multi-multimillionaires pay their fair share!

And let's reclaim UMass Boston's urban mission: the idea that we exist first and foremost to provide an affordable, excellent education to those urban Massachusetts students who without us would be unable to attend a university!