

Strategic Action Committee (SAC) Report

It has been a busy month as BrCCC members of have been participating in collaborative efforts advocating for full funding for our system of public higher education:

1. The rally for Public Higher Education at Bristol Community College, Wednesday, August 19th This event was part of larger statewide day of action calling for Full Funding of Our Public Colleges, No Layoffs and Safe Reopening Strategies. About 35 people participated in the rally, which included faculty, staff, and alumni from Bristol CC, UMass Dartmouth, Bridgewater State, and Massasoit. Here is a link to WBUR media coverage of the event:
<https://www.wbur.org/edify/2020/08/19/massachusetts-covid-coronavirus-school-reopening-protests>
2. Shelly Murphy and Colleen Avedikian participated in a Zoom meeting organized by the MTA government relations committee with Senator Rodrigues, Representatives Fiola, Schmid and Silvia, and a staff member from Senator Montigny's office. Discussion focused on issues regarding funding for higher education, including strategies to avoid additional layoffs and furloughs. Rep. Schmid voiced interest in participating in Zoom coffee hour with our members to hear their concerns.
3. Ronald Weisberger and Colleen Avedikian participated in the Higher Ed All Member Meeting on September 15th to discuss MTA's **Massachusetts Agrees** campaign to help stop the budget cuts and layoffs and ensure safe campuses. A regional strategy is being developed for a week of action in support of Higher Education October 16th. **Please watch your emails and the BrCCC website for upcoming details.**
For more information on the Massachusetts Agrees campaign:
<https://massachusettsagrees.org/>

Respectfully submitted,

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