

Double Think on Unity



More than 5,500 members of the Instructional Staff at the City University disagree with the Legislative Conference allegation that a collective bargaining election this spring is untimely and disruptive. They signed the petition of the United Federation of College Teachers for a new election.

This election will be held under the provisions of the Taylor Law which cover procedures for decertifying an established bargaining agent. Hearings before PERB will, in all probability, be completed in February and the election held in April, five months before the contracts expire. Every member of the Instructional Staff will be guaranteed the right to vote by secret ballot for the bargaining agent. **This right was won by the UFCT over the vehement objections of the LC.**

The unity of the Instructional Staff will be assured if PERB rules in favor of the UFCT's position: one unit for the entire Instructional Staff—not two, not three, but **one** unit.

Rather than obfuscating the issues of the election campaign with double-think about the meaning of unity (a third organization and two units do not unify anything), the LC might attempt to defend its record:

- The loss of sabbaticals.
- The loss of CUNY Grants.
- The loss of tenure for Instructors.
- Failure to halt burgeoning class size and teaching load.
- Failure to achieve a ratio of 10-30-30-30 in professorial ranks.
- Failure to police the contract.

If the LC wants real unity, it can join the UFCT in asking PERB for one bargaining unit for the entire Instructional Staff.

Vote UFCT

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