

**To: MCCC Board of Directors**  
**From: Donnie McGee, MCCC Vice President**  
**Re: SAC/VP Report, Worcester, MA**  
**Date: August 24, 2011**

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**The Revenue Campaign:**

- **H. 2553/S.1416 - Investing in Our Communities/Revenue Bill:** This bill is most important as most of our concerns are rooted in the lack of funding for our colleges:
- The Revenue Campaign will continue. Please note statewide emails, alerts and emails from MTA, Joe LeBlanc, and me on how to get involved. I sit on the MTA Revenue Enhancement Committee. It is crucial that everyone get involved with the related lobbying and grassroots education to members and the public about the need for revenues to support our communities and our colleges.

**Hearings held this summer:** Emails to activate membership to lobby on these bills will be distributed during the first week of September.

- **Adjunct Health Insurance Bill (S1340)** was heard before the Public Service Committee on 5/3. Joe LeBlanc testified, with written testimony by Betsy Smith.
  - Good news: Bill has been forwarded to the Health Care Financing (HCF) Committee
  - MCCC leaders, activists, and adjuncts should contact their legislators and ask them to support this bill by contacting HCF Chairs and urging them to move the bill forward to the Sen. Ways & Means Committee.
  - Committee Co-Chairs: Rep. Steven M. Walsh and Sen. Richard T. Moore.
- **Reversing Course of Faculty Hiring/Promoting College Excellence Bill (H 1244)**
  - Donnie McGee, Joe LeBlanc, and Charlotte Belezos (RCC) testified in support of this before a very engaged Higher Education Committee (with written testimony submitted by Betsy Smith).
  - MTA President Paul Toner, Rep. Dave Sullivan, and Sen. Stan Rosenberg, as well as a panel from the UMass system, testified in support of this bill.
  - Lobbying to your legislators and the Committee Chairs (Sen. Michael Moore and Rep. Tom Sannicandro) is needed.
- **Adjunct Pension Bill (S 1307 )** was heard before the Public Service Committee on July 26th; Donnie McGee and Sean King (MTA) testified in support of this bill
  - The bill awaits review by the Public Service Committee
  - Contact your legislators to get their support on this bill.
  - Ask legislators to contact the Public Service Committee Chairs: Sen. Katherine Clark and Rep. John Scibak to ask them to move the bill forward with a favorable recommendation.
- **Peace Corps Creditable Service Bill (H 2486)** was heard before the Public Service Committee on July 26th; Donnie McGee testified in support of this bill. Rep. Cleon Turner and Sen. Dan Wolf also submitted letters of testimony recommending this legislation.

**ORP Ad Hoc Committee:** A meeting will be held in early September. An email to Committee members as to their availability will be sent out tonight. [This has been sent]

**Strategic Action Committee:** A meeting will be held in mid- September. An email to Committee members as to their availability will be sent out next week. [This has been sent.]

### **ORP News: Expansion of eligibility to MCCC Librarians**

- Legislation to expand the ORP passed in an outside section of this year's state budget and from this point forward will include librarians and administrators in public higher ed. institutions in Massachusetts.
- HR departments will be notifying new and existing hires of their eligibility.
- BHE has been asked for a more comprehensive approach to retirement options for new hires, one that includes a balanced program that involves the SERS

### **Reserve the Date – Tuesday, 10/4/11:**

#### **Important Public Service Committee Hearings in Gardner Auditorium at 1 pm**

- LOBBY Day & Hearing Date for the ORP Bill (S 1912)
- Hearing for MTA's Contract Funding Amendment Bill (H 2981)
- Hearing and Lobby Day for Early Childhood Educators Collective Bargaining Bill (H1671)
- Stay tuned for more information

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### **MTA BOARD Report**

#### **Meeting on June 17 – 18, 2011, in Natick, MA:**

- Debriefed MTA Annual Meeting and MTA Revenue Rally that followed
- Discussed how to respond to legislators who did and who did not support the House Municipal Health Insurance (MHI) Proposal
- Received updates on MHI, pensions, and educator evaluation.

#### **Meetings and trainings August 12 – 14, 2011, MTA Williamstown Conference:**

- Discussion took place regarding the Revenue Campaign, a projected timeline, and the importance of educating MTA members about the bill and activating them to support this legislation and the related campaign.
- Legislative, pension, and educator evaluation updates were provided.
- Early Childhood Bill Campaign Director addressed the BOD and asked for their support in the Lobby Day and Hearing on their bill (H 1671) on October 4 at the Public Service Committee Hearing
- BOD members sat with their regions and participated in workshops/trainings related to how to activate, educate, and mobilize members for the upcoming Revenue Campaign.
- Directors were urged to get their local presidents to attend
  - the MTA Presidents meeting on 9/17 in Natick and
  - the regional meetings for local leadership.
- MTA mailings will be sent out to all local presidents with the time and place of these meetings.