Outline of Hearing Plan for 6.29

June 29th hearing before the Joint Committee on Higher Education. The hearing will take place in Room A-1 at 10:00 to 1 PM.

We meet in Room 437 between 9 and 9:30. Please leave time to go through the metal detector. Closest T stop is Park Street Red/Green Line

Quick Look:
- 9 Am Meet up: Room 437 9AM- 9:45 (please arrive BY 9:30) coffee & pastries, Prep together
- 9:45 “Academic procession” to hearing room A-1
- 10 am Hearing starts (28 bills scheduled to 1 pm)
  We hope to be early in agenda. Some of us will stay for whole hearing, others will:
- 11:30 Lobby visits
- 1:30 Report back in Room 437

Outline of testimony: Note: order is subject to revision based on how the hearing is conducted. Legislators will join us to speak in support, and will be recognized by the Chair as they arrive.

1. Framing the issues for adjuncts: (+ submission written testimony)
   Barbara Madeloni (MTA President) and Peter McKinnon (SEIU 509 President)

   Pairs or panels (3 min/person) Stories focused on pay, benefits, job security

   Public Higher Ed:
   2. State Colleges & Universities:
      Robert Donohue (VP MSCA) + Dr. Walter Harper (40 year adjunct, Bridgewater)

   3. UMass System:
      Max Page (UMass Amherst) + Ellen Martins (UAW President and an Adjunct, UML)

   4. Community Colleges:
      Jeff Seideman (MCCC VP and an adjunct) and Michele Nash (STCC Adjunct)

   5. Student panel: from Northeastern or Tufts (USAS), PHENOM activist (MassArt or UMass student)
      note: Finish Line Grant in 639 being heard 7/13

Private Higher Ed (SEIU Bill) 3 adjuncts on a panel or 2 and 2
6. Amy Todd- activist at UMB and Brandeis and Dan Hunter- longterm adjunct
7. Clarissa Sawyer- consultant until crash, lost almost everything, turned to adjunct teaching. PhD
   Harvard. Had to live in subsidized housing, food stamps. Thomas Kee (not confirmed) -online
   distance learning, adjunct 30 yrs in MA.
8. Grad students: Benjamin Kreider (PhD candidate at Brandeis) looking at job market in academia
Please RSVP, even if you’re just coming for the hearing. RSVP with your home address, home email and cell to: amoreschi@massteacher.org, so we can look up your legislative district.

Sign-in/prep: 9-9:45 Room 437 (please arrive no later than 9:30)

Sign in, pick up lobby packets, name-tags
Quick “what to expect”
Sticker-up and don mortarboards for photo op
  (SEIU adjuncts are wearing their “Faculty Forward” t-shirts, wear whatever feels comfortable to you)

After our testimony:
  • Drop-by your own legislator office (meet with legislator or staff, usually 10-15 mins)
    o The ask for 639: please write letter to committee in support before 7/13 hearing
      ▪ Support whole bill (Finish Line Grant will be heard later)
      ▪ Ask co-sponsors to talk with leadership about support of whole bill
  • You’ll have materials to leave behind with legislator/staff
  • Come back to Room 437 with your lobby visit reports

Starting now:
Ask members to post on social media “I support adjuncts” - write in your own message or “Yes on House 639” be sure to use hashtags: #EqualPay4EqualWork &/or #RespectAdjuncts

MTA is also collecting written testimony, personal storied focusing on:
  - Low pay
  - No health care
  - No retirement
  - No job security (but explain—just in time scheduling, course cancellation, juggling jobs, etc)
  - Your desire for full inclusion in academic life/ support of students (like: office and advising hours)
  - Student debt/support for the Finish Line Grant in 639

Send testimony to: SWall@massteacher.org. Please include home address, personal email, cell or home phone.