



PSC-CUNY **Contract**

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**WHY
NOT
CUNY?**

The Professional Staff Congress (PSC) contract with CUNY expires 9/19/07. The union began negotiations for a new contract in February. For bargaining updates, a full list of the demands, and information on how to join the “My Five” network, visit the PSC website at www.psc-cuny.org.

CUNY rightly aspires to be a great university. With its extraordinary history as “the people’s university” and its location in New York City, imagine what it could be.

But a great university takes investment in its faculty and staff. Without that, claims of excellence ring hollow. We are the ones who teach the classes, counsel the students, run the university’s programs and offices; we staff the labs and libraries, do the research, and produce the new knowledge that contributes to CUNY’s academic stature.

Too often we do all this *despite* the conditions of our jobs. Our classes are too large, our salaries are too low, our teaching loads are unmanageable, our benefits are under assault, and we lack such basic provisions as parental leave.

Why? At least in part because of lack of political will to invest in higher education for the students we teach – largely working-class people of color.

One way we fight to make CUNY what it could be – and our professional lives what they should be – is through the union contract. The PSC contract expires in September, and we are in bargaining for a new contract now. To win the improvements we need, we will have to be united, determined and smart.

Build the great public university New York City should have – fight for the contract we need to do our work.