

**THIS WEEK'S POLL:** Who are you voting for Governor?



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## REMEMBER TO VOTE!

**A Message for  
Members in the  
Anthem Blue  
Cross and Blue  
Shield Health Plan**

As you likely know, Hartford Hospital and Windham Community Memorial Hospital have been in contentious negotiations with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield over its provider reimbursement contract, which is set to expire on October 31, 2010.

**Regardless of the status of negotiations and even if there is no final agreement in place by the end of October, both active and retired state employees may continue to access Hartford Hospital and Windham Community Memorial Hospital on an in-network basis beyond the expiration of the current contract between Anthem and the two hospitals.**

In addition, the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) has filed a Health Information Privacy Complaint with the federal Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights on behalf of its members over Hartford hospital's direct communications with its own patients in an effort to use them for leverage in negotiations. Read more about these actions [here](#).

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**Bowling Green  
Faculty Vote to  
Form an AAUP  
Collective  
Bargaining  
Chapter**

Last week, the faculty at Bowling Green State University in Ohio voted 391 to 293, or 57 percent to 43 percent, to make the AAUP chapter the collective bargaining representative for the tenure-track, tenured, and non-tenure-track full-time faculty (part-time faculty in Ohio are excluded by statute from collective bargaining). BGSU joins seven other Ohio four-year public institutions whose faculty unions are affiliated with the AAUP.

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## **Bowling Green Faculty Vote to Form an AAUP Collective Bargaining Chapter**

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This victory is a major achievement for the faculty at Bowling Green and nationally; it is believed to be the largest combined faculty union to organize at a research institution in the U.S. since the University of Akron faculty voted for collective bargaining in 2003. At a time when university administrations are forcing drastic cuts in faculty salaries and benefits despite tuition hikes and record enrollments, the positive vote also reflects academics' growing alarm over the erosion of faculty shared governance in university decision making about programmatic changes, curricula, and university spending.

The campaign at Bowling Green has been the AAUP's number one organizing priority for almost two years, and this tremendous accomplishment is the culmination of the efforts of many people.

Have a question? [Get the answer!](#)

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