

Members Overwhelmingly Approve DGCE Contract

MSCA members on all nine campuses ratified by a wide margin a new Division of Graduate and Continuing Education collective bargaining agreement. The new contract takes effect retroactively Sept. 1, 2006 and runs through August 31, 2009. The vote was taken Friday, Feb. 2 and tabulated the same day; in all, 117 ballots were cast:

Yes – 94

No – 1

Twenty-two voided or challenged ballots were not counted; no blank ballots were cast.

Congratulations and thanks to the bargaining team, led by **C.J. O'Donnell** (Mass Maritime) and comprising **Jean Stonehouse** (Bridgewater); **Jack McKeon** (Fitchburg); **Sue Dargan** (Framingham); **Ben Ryterband** (Mass Art); **Len Pao-lillo** (MCLA); **Nancy Schultz**, **Paul McGee** and **Marty Krugman** (Salem); **Jack Shea** (Westfield); **Dan Shartin** (Worcester); **Pat Markunas**, MSCA president; and **Bob Whalen**, MTA consultant.

—*Brett M. Rhyne*