Response to Statement on the rights of employees of Hampshire College to unionize
Students for the Freedom to Unionize

Students for the Freedom to Unionize (SFU) would like to thank Marlene for her verbal solidarity with the staff members of Hampshire College. Additionally, we hope that this message from Marlene will act as a reminder to the presidential search committee and strategic planning committee of the imperative of keeping staff rights in mind when planning for the future of Hampshire College.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize SFU’s commitment to increased communication between staff members and students so that we can be sure that all members of our community share the same feelings of safety and well being on campus. One of the most shocking realizations for us was hearing of the discrepancies in working environment between departments. With at least four of our physical plant staff members injured and an increased workload for them because of all the upcoming events in April, we fear for their continued safety. As students, we can act as advocates for their safety by taking their lead on any initiative they show to improve their working conditions. We would like to thank them for their hard work and physical labor that keeps our school running and looking good.

If you are interested in advocating for staff rights on campus join SFU’s weekly meeting on Monday nights at 5:30 in FPH!