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## 34. International University of the Workers

**ABSTRACT:** The WFTU needs to activate its plans for the formation and political education of the workers. This is a strategic necessity. The International University of the Workers is an instance that we must crystallize.

### 1. Introduction

Without preparation, without knowledge, without theoretical bases, political and technical any trade union of class cannot be forged, because we would be walking without course.

The ignorance, the lack of ideology, the improvisation, they are the anti-working conditions that lead to assume a policy of collaborations of class that put aside the fight objectives and, finally, cause the defeats.

Imperialism, through diverse mechanisms of financing, always has had as objective to infiltrate the unions. Its strategy is through training courses, reduced to elementary, administrative and management questions. The flow of dollars to buy consciousness is through those supposedly educative organisms. The result has been the confusion and distance of the workers of the class union fight.

The plans of imperialism and employees to its service, do not form, deform leaders, depoliticize them and corrupt them to recruiting them.

### 2. To construct our own University

The 15th World Trade Union Congress, held in Havana, Cuba, unanimously approved the

proposal presented by the FTE of Mexico to develop to the project "The International University of the Workers".

However, very little has been made on the matter. Every time, the necessity to prepare to us is a pressing necessity for the workers everywhere of the world.

The International University of the Workers is not another university, nor a single or conventional union school. One is a long-range project.

This project is located as part of the Working Culture, understood as the culture of the labor movement, in order to study, to learn and to develop an own thought of class, to carry out conscientious processes related to the political tasks of our time, in its theoretical, technical, organizational and political aspects.

The objectives of the University are: to promote the formation and political education of the workers, construction of theoretical, political and technical proposals, by means of accomplishment of scientific research, diffusion of the working culture, and the practice of social solidarity.

The functions of this university are oriented to the collective and shared in common education related to the social fight, dynamic education and the concrete learning, and the development of the theory and practice

2011, elektron 11 (34) 2, FTE of Mexico determined by the dynamics of the labor movement.

The plans of the University include: the study of the history of the ideas, social societies and movements; the development of the work processes; the study and the development of the classic revolutionary thought; the study of the contemporary social problems; and, the study and appreciation of Literature and the other arts.

Among its programs they are: labor movement, processes of work, marxism-leninism, history of the revolutions, workers' organization, working culture, and collective health.

The specific projects include: energy, water and natural resources; technologies of the information; labor health and social security; geopolitics and social fight, among others.

The activities of the University consider making social courses at several levels, conferences, seminars, workshops, forums, consultant's offices, studies, investigations and services.

The organization of the University is referred to five basic functions: education, investigation, culture, extension and solidarity, same that would be made in faculties, specialized institutes and centers.

The University would be autonomous, working on the base of labor councils and would be assigned to the International Executive Council of the WFTU; where it would be comprise the General Director. The University would have an international central headquarters, as well as regional and national headquarters.

This University would be an independent labor institution, opened to all the workers of the world, without discrimination of no type, solidary and democratic, with its own internal legislation

Its financing would be done with input from the unions themselves and from workers, solidary contributions and volunteer work.

### 3. Conclusions

To make a revolution is to organize it! The University does not replace the class struggle nor to resolve the inherent problems. But they could contribute, at least, with training and political education of workers.

No one teaches anyone and no one teaches itself, but in dialectical relationship and in the actual fight. Our movement requires to drive the development of consciousness in its many dimensions. The University is just one of many tools we use.

### PROPOSALS

The FTE of Mexico presents to the 16th World Trade Union Congress the following proposals:

1. The WFTU ratifies the International University of the Workers project and agrees to put in place, starting with an office in each region.
2. The affiliated organizations will proceed to implement what is necessary to realize the project, placing the foundation stone of the University, with conditions they have in hand.

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