Fighting the Good Fight: The Janitor’s Strike at the University of Miami

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This paper is a case study regarding a janitors’ strike that occurred at the University of Miami during the spring semester of 2006. It discusses the various tactics that the University used in order to discourage the workers from organizing a labor union in a manner that they chose, i.e. the card check method. Many of the maneuvers and strategies used by the University resemble those that are used by corporations to prevent labor organization. This leads to the conclusion that many universities and colleges are being run more like businesses than schools, and that a partnership must be formed between students and faculty in order to take back the institutions of higher education. [Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: http://www.transformativestudies.org ©2009 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]

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