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What's the Best College to Work for in Boston? How About None of Them

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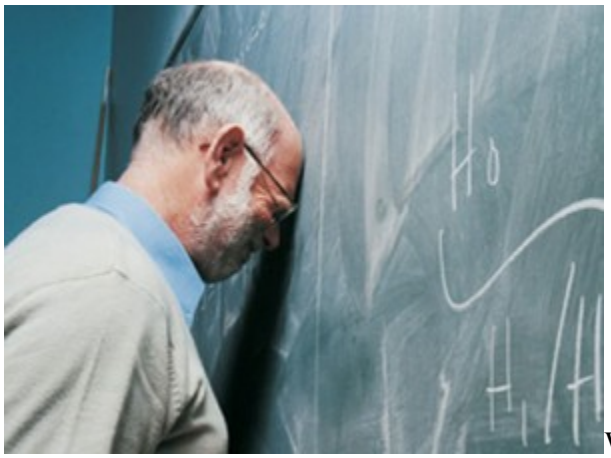

When The Chronicle of Higher Education released their 2012 list of Great Colleges to Work For, I expected to see at least a dozen local schools on the list. Can't have "Great Colleges" without Greater Boston, right? Apparently, wrong. Not a single city school is on the list, with the exception of the MGH Institute of Health Professions. The only other representation Massachusetts has? Endicott College in Beverly.

Nearly 47,000 staff and faculty members weighed in on 12 categories, such as job satisfaction, teaching environment, work/life balance and diversity. Just over 100 colleges made the complete list, although The Chronicle received responses from 294.

The assessment, administered by ModernThink LLC, had two components. One was a questionnaire about institutional characteristics and the second was a faculty/staff questionnaire about individuals' evaluations of their institutions. You can read more about their methodology here, yet it appears "respect is a crucial benefit."

After having bopped around the city's campuses over the last year, I'm surprised not a single school is on this list. Everyone seems to be jovial and full of this academic zest for life. Alright, so maybe that's a bit much, but where are all of Greater Boston's colleges? Somewhere out there, faculty need to be happy, right? We've got over 50 institutions of higher learning in Boston alone. Is there something in the Dirty Water besides, well, dirt? Enlighten us!

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