

**Convocation Response to Governor Deval Patrick
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Governor Patrick, I give you this copy of the text of a question I asked you in front of several hundred people just across this fine campus almost three years ago. We were quite angry then. You said to give you time – you'd be back to our campus and we would have a very different conversation.

We're not. Things are much worse.

This convocation, this celebration of the opening of the fourth year in these wonderful students' college careers, corresponds exactly to the fourth year of disregard, abuse, and mistreatment of the state college faculty by you and your administration.

I find your presence here to be entirely incommensurable with the sanctity of this cherished event given your failures to support the faculty who are the stewards of this institution.