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RALLY to Support AFSCME in negotiations

Temple employees in AFSCME local 1723 have been working without a contract since October 2007. Please show your support by coming to the Rally at the Bell Tower on Tuesday, April 1 at Noon. Let's tell Temple administration to agree to a fair contract. AFSCME's cause is our cause too. The text of a flyer announcing the rally comes below.

AFSCME's negotiations with Temple administration have reached a stalemate over Temple's insistence that this group of over 700 administrative, technical and professional workers accept an all-merit pay system. Temple's proposal is complex, but the intent is to deny any raises at all to many employees and not to guarantee even that most employees will receive any raise. This comes on top of a demand for a major increase in the employees' contribution to their health insurance premiums.

TAUP anticipates that we will soon be facing similar demands by Temple administration in our upcoming negotiations. We already have a well-established merit system, but we also have always had some form of guaranteed across-the-board cost-of-living raise too. No Temple employee should face a shrinking paycheck in these uncertain financial times. With Temple's enrollments and finances doing so well, employees should share in the successes.