

## **Negotiations continue: TAUP asks for financial data**

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Attempting to take advantage of the 30-day contract extension, TAUP and Temple negotiators met on Friday, October 17 and will meet again on Thursday, October 23, as well as the week of October 27.

Last Friday, TAUP President Art Hochner presented Temple's negotiators with a request for information regarding Temple's past and current financial performance and budgets, including any amendments made in the current budget and the most recent financial statements, which are due to be released very soon.

In recent days, we have all received emails from University officials regarding Temple's state appropriations. Hiring freezes and travel freezes are being instituted. Of course, we are all concerned these days with the downturn in the economy and its effect on state revenues and on Temple's finances. There have been suggestions made in our contract negotiations that we ought to act quickly on the economic package that Temple has proposed, owing to outside factors that affect us all.

TAUP, however, wants to understand just what the University's situation is. Based on the information we have, Temple has a strong footing and has prospered over the past several years. But we need further information to evaluate this current and anticipated crisis in context. We hope that needed financial data is forthcoming soon, so that we can wisely do our job of negotiating a fair and equitable contract.

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## **Get the latest on negotiations from the TAUP Negotiating Team**

**TAUP General Meeting  
Thursday - October 23  
12:30 - 3:00  
KIVA Auditorium  
Ritter Annex**