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# *Temple Rescinds Economic Proposal*

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Today, January 7, Temple rescinded its economic proposal and left negotiations without any direction.

According to Temple's negotiating team, this decision was driven by management and not mandated by the Board of Trustees.

Temple's action today is regressive bargaining--that is, going backwards on their proposals.

TAUP stands by its comprehensive December 5 package proposal (<http://www.taup.org/>). We have demonstrated that Temple has more than sufficient financial strength to afford our proposals.

Temple is trying to capitalize on the turmoil in the national economy to claim that they now have to reevaluate their financial and academic priorities.

The management negotiating team has stated that the faculty is core to Temple's success. Based on the University's actions, however, the conclusion we reach is that Temple does not want to pay its faculty and staff our fair share of the revenues we bring in. Instead management chooses to spend the money elsewhere.

TAUP believes it would be best to continue to negotiate in good faith so that we can reach a contract by the start of the spring semester. Temple's regressive bargaining puts a damper on those hopes.