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TAUP Launches Adjunct Organizing Campaign

This week the TAUP Adjunct Organizing Committee (AOC) has kicked off an organizing campaign to get enough signatures to require a PLRB election. A successful election will establish TAUP as the representative for collective bargaining for the 1300 plus part-time adjunct faculty in TAUP schools and colleges. TAUP expects to be collecting cards for the next few weeks.

TAUP will submit authorization cards to the PLRB when a sufficient number of adjunct faculty members have signed them. This campaign represents an unprecedented opportunity for TAUP to represent the interests of the entire faculty and begin to negotiate for adequate pay, benefits and job protections for adjunct faculty.

Members of the AOC, themselves adjunct faculty, will be canvassing and collecting authorization cards around campus in public areas. Please support them by wearing "Adjuncts 50%" buttons (ask for them at the TAUP office) and by passing the word to all adjuncts in your department so they have the opportunity to sign a card.

You can help yourself and TAUP by helping the adjuncts. Remember, adjuncts supported us at rallies and meetings during our long negotiation struggle. Now it's our turn to support them and help them establish a collective bargaining voice at Temple.

More information is available at the TAUP Adjunct Faculty web site (<http://adjuncts.taup.org>).

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