



Ken Mash, President
Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties
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Dear Dr. Mash,

We, the members of United Steelworkers Local 1088, representing adjunct faculty at Point Park University, support the members of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) in your ongoing negotiations with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. We applaud the important role APSCUF is playing in resisting the shift toward contingency that is undermining higher education in the United States and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Among other problematic proposals, we are deeply concerned about the State System's plan to increase the proportion of adjunct or "temporary" positions among the faculty, and to increase their workload without additional remuneration. These proposals are bad for the students, the faculty, and the institutions.

APSCUF's stance in these negotiations, by contrast, aims to preserve the faculty job security and stability, and to ensure that faculty members of all ranks in the State System have the time and resources they need to provide a high quality education to their students and to support themselves and their families. We endorse the decision to authorize a strike if professors' needs as educators and employees are not met, and call upon the State System to withdraw its unreasonable proposals, or to submit to binding arbitration, and to negotiate with APSCUF in good faith.

In solidarity,

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