

NEIUPI Update & Announcements

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Faculty Discontent Roils NEIU; Contract Negotiations Continue with limited movement

Faculty discontent and public resistance toward the NEIU Administration's poor leadership has come to a head in recent weeks. The Faculty Assembly's votes of no confidence in the President and Board of Trustees (BOT), engagement with our political representatives, and vocal protests during President Gibson's recent "Town Hall" demonstrate how fed up our colleagues are with the mismanagement of NEIU that is putting our livelihoods in danger. While NEIUPI can't lead these protests while we are in negotiations with the administration, we recognize our members and other people in our NEIU community who are raising their voices to save the soul of this university. Disruption is a time-honored and valuable form of protest from those who are not being heard; dissent is democratic and we in the union believe it is both valid and valuable. At the same time, UPI's role in the ongoing challenges with campus leadership is that we continue to focus on negotiating the contract that will define our working conditions for years to come, and more importantly define the respect that we seek as faculty and staff at this University. As we all fight in so many different

ways for a better future for NEIU, we cannot forget that a fair contract is a key part of cementing that future. The Administration is spooked and there has been progress in negotiations. Help us keep up the pressure!

What Can I Do?

Make your UPI support VISIBLE in any way possible!

There are fast, simple, direct, and critical actions toward generating change at NEIU that we all can take today!

**Join us at the next Membership Meeting:
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 3pm, BBH 101**

Help Us Develop a Response to the Admin's Proposal to Cut Research & Service from Workload

Remember that little proposal? It's still on the table and the Bargaining Team needs **your** help crafting a response. We've scheduled 3 meetings to get input from members:

Wed. Feb. 8th at 1pm, Lower Level Library classroom

Friday, Feb. 10 at 3pm - [UPI Zoom](#)

Tuesday Feb 14th at 2pm - [UPI Zoom](#)

Meet With an Area Rep or Member Organizer Today!

Your Bargaining Team is working hard on Negotiations and we are generating easy, visible, ways to show that we are each ready to take action for a fair contract. Something as easy as **displaying UPI messaging outside your office** is a core action toward improving this campus. We have amazing, trained organizers who can give you simple ways to support UPI's work amidst the range of actions on campus. We welcome each member to talk with your Area Rep or a Member Organizer to get key info and to help in our next steps toward stronger action..If you don't know an Area Rep or Organizer, email Nik Hoel: nikolashoel@gmail.com

Observe Negotiations!

Help us keep the pressure on and the Admin honest! All you have to do is wear green, show up, and sit in the room.

[Observe Bargaining on Feb 9 - Sign up HERE](#)

Wear **Green on Thursdays and Visit Our Table in Village Square from 12 to 2:30!**

Sign up to staff the table here! [UPI Tabling Sign-Up](#)

Contact Nancy if you have any questions!

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NEIUPI is working for a fair contract and an inclusive university!

