



March 24, 2010

Temple Adjuncts Begin Drive for Union Representation

If you are an adjunct who wants to join with other adjuncts and fulltime faculty to negotiate the terms and conditions of your work at Temple, get out this Wednesday and Thursday, March 24 and 25, to Anderson/Gladfelter, Ritter, or Annenberg! And if you teach at Ambler or TUCC on those days, watch for your chance to advance the unionizing process on those campuses as well. There is a schedule for each location below.

Your colleagues from the Adjunct Organizing Committee (AOC) will be at the designated locations at staggered times on Wednesday and Thursday. They will have cards that must be signed by a hefty proportion of adjuncts in order to authorize an election; that election will decide whether adjuncts at Temple will be represented in collective bargaining by the Temple Association of University Professionals (TAUP).

It will only take you a minute to stop by and fill out a card; it's that easy to do your part to ensure that we collect enough cards to trigger an election before the end of the semester! If you are not ready to sign on to the unionizing effort just yet, feel free to come ask questions and get information. Check out the FAQ's about organizing and card signing.

The "traditional adjunct" of former times – someone who has a fulltime job elsewhere and teaches as an adjunct on the side – is part of a shrinking minority today. In a recent survey of adjuncts by the AOC, only 32% of the close to 250 respondents indicated that they have fulltime employment in addition to their adjunct work. If you are someone who does not personally feel an urgent need for collective bargaining in order to improve the pay and other conditions of adjunct faculty at Temple, please sign an authorization card anyway. You will be making a difference for the 2/3 of Temple adjuncts whose livelihood depends more heavily on their adjunct work.

Temple Adjunct Faculty, it's UNION time -- sign your card on Wednesday or Thursday!

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Here is the schedule for each building:

On the walkway between Anderson and Gladfelter :

Wed, March 24: 9:40 AM - 2:40 PM

Thurs., March 25: 9:10 AM – 3:40 PM around the change of classes.

Outside the main doors (Montgomery side) of Ritter Hall :

Wed., March 24: 12:40 – 2:40 PM

Thurs., March 25: 12:10 – 3:40 PM around the change of classes

Annenberg Hall, at the main entrance on 13th Street (where security guard is located), between Diamond and Norris Streets :

Wed., March 24: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Ambler campus, outside the Learning Center:

Wed, March 24: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thurs., March 25: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

TUCC lobby :

Wed, March 24: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Thurs., March 25: 5:00 – 6:00 PM