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Councilor Koyama Lane & Councilor Morillo District 3

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Dear PSU Administrators,

We are writing to express concern about the ongoing contract negotiations between Portland State University and the members of the PSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (PSU-AAUP). As members of Portland's City Council and advocates for fair labor practices, we urge the administration to take meaningful steps to settle a fair contract and reverse planned layoffs. These faculty and staff are not only integral to the university's success but also central to the mission of serving our diverse community and fulfilling PSU's strategic vision.

We stand in solidarity with PSU-AAUP in their efforts to secure a fair contract, including protections against further layoffs and wage stagnation. We strongly encourage the administration to reconsider its current position and negotiate in good faith to avoid impasse. PSU's strength lies in its people – faculty, staff, and students – who work together to make the university a beacon of opportunity and innovation. We are confident that with collaborative leadership, PSU can prioritize equity, fair treatment, and the long-term health of its academic community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Please know that we stand ready to further discuss how we can support PSU in fostering an equitable and sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,

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