

1). In the past five years have you had to work a second job while working at the University? If yes, why?

***Yes, I used to wait tables several nights a week after working here all day. My husband and I were barely making ends meet. We needed the extra money to survive.***

2). While working here have you needed to borrow money or use a credit card to make ends meet?

***With my current wages, it has always been extremely difficult to save money. So if we had a car repair or another emergency, we've have to charge it and pay the bill off slowly***

3). If you made a livable wage, what would you be able to do that you can't do now? (In 2003 the Jobs Now Coalition estimated that the hourly wage needed to meet monthly basic needs for a family consisting of one adult with 2 children was \$19.46)

***I could buy a house, a better car, take a vacation, save money for the future. Maybe we even afford to have children!***

4). At your present salary, what do you go without?

***With my current salary my husband and I can only afford a one bedroom apartment and one 12-year car, which we must share. We also cannot afford any "extras," like cable TV, cell phone, or vacations (other than camping).***

***YES, MY HUSBAND AND I BOTH HOLD COLLEGE DEGREES!***