

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

Yes, I have had to work a second job while working at the University and still do. When our wages were frozen everything around me was going up in price. I had to make up the difference somehow. I do freelance art and graphic design projects in order to make ends meet. If I need anything besides the day to day expenses I usually have to take on extra projects to subsidize these expenses.

I need to get some dental work done. I haven't been able to get enough money together to have the procedures completed. This has been really frustrating. I can't even catch up enough to get my teeth fixed.

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

Yes, I have taken out a loan to cover my credit card debt because they were all maxed out and I was just paying interest and I had no room for any extra expenses. Now I am paying off a loan that is borrowed against my house in addition to my mortgage.

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 have some repairs that are needed on my house. I have been putting them off until I could afford to have them done. The way it looks now I don't know when I will see that happening. I could also get my teeth fixed.

I have been wanting to try massage therapy for an injury I sustained.

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

Essential home repairs. Dental work. Educational tools. Vacations. Entertaining.