

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

***Yes. To help pay my living expenses.***

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

***Yes. Never have had to borrow money (personal loans) until I took this job with the Univ. of Minnesota. I was taught not to borrow money. It became a necessity.***

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)

***Buy a new used car that is very much needed. My work out in the field requires much driving and I cannot afford to replace my 1993. I would give my young adult children a \$100 check for this past Christmas. This year they did not get a Christmas gift from me. I would buy better cuts of meat. I would be able to give my college aged son spending money. I would be able to buy my textbooks instead of check them out at the library. I would be able to breath with more ease when my car got low on gas the days the gas prices are so high. I would be able to buy clementines in the crate. I would be able to afford new glasses. I would take my medicine every day instead of every other day. I would not borrow money.***

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

***see above.***