

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

Yes, because I can't make ends meet with the cost of living increasing and my wages not reflecting an increase to off set it.

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

Yes, to both but thank god for friends and family. I'm not eligible for any type of assistance so I'm relying on credit cards more and more to make my ends meet.

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)

Pay my bills! Turn my heat up to 64° in house, buy some fresh fruit and see the doctor when I'm not feeling well because I just can't afford the co-pays.

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

As I stated above see my doctor, buy more nutrient dense foods, and actually open a savings account. I've worked for the University for 12 years and it's a shame the situation I'm in having to take my vacation time to be able to go to work more hours at my second job and go to the food shelf for food.