

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

Yes, for financial reasons, especially since I am a single parent of three.

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

Yes, I have had to take a home equity loan and refinance another loan. My credit cards are to the absolute max.

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 would love to take a short vacation - I need to try and relax. Because of my low wages, I now work 30 hours at the University, 15-20 hours at WalMart, and 20-25 hours per week doing home health care.

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

I go without my bills being paid. My mortgage, utilities, phone and credit cards are ALL behind. I am in poor health and have had to stop taking my meds for extremely high blood pressure - my systolic has been over 300 at times.