



Local 1989

**Northeastern Illinois
University Employees**

June 3, 2010

Ellen M Larrimore
President

Board of Trustees
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625-4699

John Yaou
**Vice President
Steward**

Dear NEIU Board of Trustees:

Anne Feuerstein
Secretary

AFSCME Local 1989, representing civil service employees on campus, is writing to you to voice its support of the UPI in their contract negotiations with the University.

Andrea Daniels
**Treasurer
Steward**

We are also writing to let you know of our deep concern about the protraction of these negotiations and the monies expended by the Administration. The long two-year negotiating process has had a detrimental affect on morale and lessened efforts to provide an exceptional environment for learning, teaching, and scholarship. As of March 30, 2010, according to President Hahs' FOIA email, \$155,559 has been spent. Extra duty pay continues monthly as do ongoing attorney fees. Such expenditures are not in the best interest of our University community and divert funds that should be used to serve our students' educational needs – particularly in these times of financial crisis and budget cuts.

Craig Althage
Chief Steward

Darlene Queen
**Board Member
Steward**

Since it is the responsibility of the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees to operate, manage, control and maintain the University, we are asking you, to work with fellow Board members to call for contract settlement by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2010.

Danuta Lusinski
**Board Member
Steward**

Ann Botz
Board Member

In Solidarity,

Patricia Johnson
Trustee

AFSCME Local 1989 Executive Board at Northeastern Illinois University
Ellen Larrimore, President

Ethel Johnson
Trustee

Tracy Bielecki
Trustee