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Third Session with RU

We met with the University administration's bargaining team for our third negotiations session on Friday, April 13, 2007. We received from the University formal responses to our proposals, including counter-proposals on several issues. As a result of the discussions, we were able to achieve agreements on three items, including language that clarifies the support services that PTLs are entitled to.

We provided the University with several revisions of our initial proposals in an effort to move the negotiations forward. We had serious discussions on a number of key issues. We emphasized the importance of recognizing the service, commitment, and educational expertise of PTLs by providing more job security to senior PTLs. We also raised the issue of giving PTLs more opportunities to provide input into their department's policies and procedures related to the course that we are teaching.

Economic issues have been discussed, but neither we nor the University have made formal proposals on salary increases as of this date. We expect to do that by early June at the latest. Additional bargaining sessions have been scheduled for May 1, June 5, and June 22. The contract expires June 30, 2007.

Overall, the tone of the negotiations has been good with a constructive exchange of views. As always, however, we expect that the more contentious issues—salary, health benefits, job security, etc.—will be very difficult to resolve without the support of all of our members.

We have scheduled PTL membership meetings to provide you with an update on negotiations and how you can help show your support for the PTL Bargaining Team. Each PTL membership meeting is from 12-2 PM and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to deniseb@rutgersaaup.org

**Camden, Tuesday, May 8, Camden Campus Center in Octagon Dining Room
Newark, Thursday, May 10, Paul Robeson Campus Center, Room 235
New Brunswick, Saturday, May 12, Labor Education Center, Room 115**

For additional information on the negotiations or to find out how you can help win a good contract, please call Amy Bahruth at 732-445-2278 or email at amy@rutgersaaup.org.