



October 24th, 2014

Dear President Scott Coltrane,

As members and allies of the Student Labor Action Project, a student organization on campus fighting for social and economic justice, we are concerned about the university's march towards corporatization. We believe that the University of Oregon has the responsibility to provide a quality education for students, to pay living wages to all workers on campus, and to support the economy of the surrounding community.

Currently, the stalling of contract negotiations with the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation has had a negative impact on students, workers, and the community. Thousands of graduate students are without a contract for nearly six months because administrators have refused to take up proposals that would benefit everyone on campus and in our community. Paid parental leave and paid medical leave promote security for GTFs, create a better learning environment for students, and engender the well being of the Eugene community. Workers do better work when they are secure, and sick leave is necessary to both prevent the spread of illness as well as promote the economic well being of the community.

As undergraduate students and allies of the GTFF, we demand that the U of O provide living wages, which support GTFs and their families. As tuition and fees approach \$10,000 per year for resident undergraduates and top \$30,000 for nonresident students, we believe that our money should be used for our education – and to pay a living wage to our educators.

We stand in solidarity with the GTFF as a large proportion of our teachers begin the academic year without a contract. We recognize that teachers' working conditions are students' learning conditions. We are writing to you to request a meeting to talk to you about the importance of good faith bargaining with the GTFF and the direction of University of Oregon. Please contact us at [uoslap@gmail.com](mailto:uoslap@gmail.com) to schedule a meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

The Student Labor Action Project