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Bargaining Update and CAT Meeting

On Thursday, February 1 and Tuesday, February 6, your union held bargaining sessions for all four contracts. Though UIC had told us last month that they would have responses to our economic proposals in February, UIC was still not prepared to discuss the union's demands for fair wages. While we were still able to make progress towards resolving some of our outstanding issues, including reaching tentative agreements on better rights for new hires to have union orientations and expanding the bargaining team for future contracts, we were very disappointed that UIC continues to delay discussions on pay increases that are long overdue. Management has committed to having some economic proposals for us to discuss next Tuesday, February 13 in the Technical session; however, they have made no firm commitments as to when they will be responding to economic proposals for Clerical, Service, and

Professional. [RSVP here](#) to attend the next bargaining session to see management's response for yourself and help show our strength in numbers at the bargaining table.

You and your coworkers must be prepared to hold management's feet to the fire and ensure that members see the pay raises you deserve as soon as possible. [RSVP to attend](#) the upcoming **Contract Action Team meeting tomorrow, February 8 at 6 PM on Zoom**. We will be reviewing updates from the bargaining table and discussing our next steps in our fight to fully fund the needs of workers, students, and patients at UIC.

Member Testimony: Ricky Pettigrew, UIC Hospital



Ricky Pettigrew, Transporter at UIC Hospital, speaks about the working conditions in the morgue. Short staffing and a lack of maintenance make working in the morgue a safety hazard. Negotiating a fair contract with SEIU Local 73 that raises pay and respects workers' voices will fill vacant positions and ensure workers have the resources they need to serve the public.

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Next Steps

- [Sign our letter demanding](#) that UI stop spending money on private companies, and start investing in students, patients, and workers!



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