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Bargaining Update

President Killeen can prevent another strike by valuing UIC workers, students, and patients.

On March 26, we held another joint bargaining session for all four units. UIC management invited Dr. Michael Ginsburg, Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget, HR and Financial Administration, to give a presentation on the U of I System's budget. The goal of the presentation may have been to convince us of the university's inability to afford our proposed contractual raises. However, management failed to answer where they found the money to privatize our jobs and authorize massive increases for admin.

For years, President Killeen turned his back on UIC's primarily Black, Brown, and low-income campus community. One out of three UIC workers are making less than \$50,000 a year. If the U of I System can afford to pay Killeen \$1.3

million this year, then they can certainly afford to fully staff UIC campus services and raise the pay for the workers who make UIC run. That's why we are calling on the legislature's help to force Killeen to value UIC students, patients, and workers. [Sign up to join us for our lobby day on Tuesday 4/16 and make your voice heard.](#)

The outpour of worker frustration and the threat of another strike has caught management's attention. Not only did they inform us that they are committed to [preventing a May strike](#), but they also agreed to extend our bargaining dates and schedule new dates all through April. We also re-introduced proposals to honor education, certifications, and promotional opportunities. Though UIC failed to provide counter proposals, your bargaining team felt it was a good sign that the university came back with further questions instead of a flat-out no.

Member Testimony: Kenneth Medina Jr.



UIC workers are fighting for a fair contract that will raise wages and allow them to provide for their families. Hear Kenneth Medina Jr., Parking Agent II at UIC Parking Services, speak about his experiences working with low pay while managing a higher workload.

[Click here to watch the Reel](#)

Next Steps

- Sign up to attend bargaining [here](#).
- Our next Contract Action Team meeting is on April 4 at 6 PM on Zoom. Register to attend the meeting [here](#).
- We are stronger together - when we come unite with our coworkers, we can force UIC to agree to fair raises on a fair timeline. Remember to [sign the UIC Strike Ready Petition](#) and join us in Springfield on April 16 to deliver the petition to Killeen.