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UIUC Building and Food Service Workers' Strike Continues

Champaign, IL – Nearly 800 UIUC Food Service and Building Service Workers have been on strike since September 23, demanding a union contract with living wages.

At today's bargaining session, UIUC management made the exact same offer which members had previously voted down prior to the strike.

"Chancellor Jones knows what it will take for our members to get back to work. It's becoming increasingly clear he is unwilling to offer the workers a fair wage and doesn't care that the students and campus are suffering as a result," **said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73.**

BSWs and FSWs are some of the lowest-paid workers on campus. Chancellor Jones earns nearly \$800,000 annually.

UIUC students have reported long lines in the dining halls, moldy bread and undercooked chicken nuggets, dirty bathrooms, and trash is piling up across campus.

Bargaining is set to continue Monday, September 30 at 8:30am.

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 35,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.