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Loyola University Chicago Union Faculty in Months-Long Contract Fight with University Administration

Chicago, IL – The almost 400 members who make up Faculty Forward LUC have simple and reasonable demands: pay that keeps up with inflation, a quality raise for all faculty, adequate parental leave and manageable workloads, among other measures. We emphasize that faculty working conditions are student learning conditions.

Yet, Loyola University Chicago administration has stood firm for months on a lackluster economic proposal that does not come close to meeting the needs of union faculty, many of whom juggle multiple jobs to make ends meet.

[Faculty have spoken out in *The Loyola Phoenix*](#) about the university's conflicting priorities and messaging, saying that they've been "saddened at how radically the priorities of Loyola's top administration seem to diverge from the values that constitute the core strength of this university." In the same op-ed, the faculty members highlighted the "divergence" from Jesuit values in the university's construction actions.

In a [recent video interview](#), **Dr. Dallas Krentzel, a lecturer in the Department of Biology at Loyola University Chicago and member of the bargaining committee for Faculty Forward LUC**, spoke out about the struggles with university administration.

"The university has continued to refuse to budge on their initial economic proposal, which was a very low number that they were offering with no guarantees for increased salary for increases in cost of living, and nothing in their version of bargaining that would allow all faculty to receive a raise," Krentzel said in the interview.

Faculty with Local 73 have also spoken out on social media, including [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [BlueSky](#) and [Twitter](#).

Loyola University Chicago administration would be sorely mistaken to believe that we will not escalate our fight against their unrealistic bargaining proposals. All workers deserve to live lives of dignity, and all workers deserve to thrive at their workplaces. Loyola is no exception.

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