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Labor unions asked to withhold Temple donations

The following article appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday, February 6:

The Philadelphia Council of the AFL-CIO has asked its 120 member unions to withhold all donations to Temple University until contracts with two of its major unions are settled.

“Allowing a situation to deteriorate to such a point that you have workers working without a new contract for well over a year is in contrast to the reputation of Temple as a place for working families,” council president Patrick Eiding wrote last month to Daniel H. Polett, chairman of Temple’s board of trustees.

The contract with the Temple Association of University Professionals, which represents about 1,250 faculty members, expired Oct. 15. The contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents about 700 nonfaculty professional and technical employees, expired more than a year ago.

A Temple spokesman declined to comment last night.