

A Farewell from the TAUP President

Dear TAUP members,

As the TAUP election process for Officers and Constituency Council members begins, I want to let you know that I have decided not to run again for President. I will continue to serve as Chief Negotiator, however, in our quest for a fair contract for adjunct faculty within our collective bargaining agreement with Temple.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve TAUP in many ways over the past 31 years. I was first elected to the Executive Committee in 1986, and became President in a contested election in 1987. I've had two stints as President – from 1987 to 2001 and again from 2007 to now. I was the strike coordinator during our 3-week strike in 1986 and was at the center of our 4-week 1990 strike.

TAUP and Temple have both changed greatly since I was hired 39 years ago as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Fox School of Business. I'm not going to recap this history, but I'm proud of how we in TAUP have continued to improve the lives and working conditions of all the faculty we represent, now totaling over 2,800. Together, we in TAUP have changed Temple University for the better.



TAUP Adjunct Organizing Team

The faculty, librarians, and academic professionals we represent are the heart and soul of Temple. We carry out the vital missions of Temple to create new knowledge and new works of art, disseminate this knowledge, engage our students in these endeavors, and serve our communities in the professions, our region, nation, and the world.

TAUP's and my aims have always been to have all faculty treated as the professionals that we are in our teaching, research and service, and to express and foster the voice of rank-and-file faculty in the important decisions affecting us. TAUP's vision is to help make Temple University better. This is OUR TEMPLE.

I look forward to new leadership in TAUP. I'm confident that with the addition of the adjunct faculty, the new TAUP governance structure, and the shared vision of one united faculty, TAUP will continue to carry on this important work that I am happy to be a part of.

In solidarity,
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