

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1023

TITLE: Resolution Supporting Striking Faculty at Wright State University

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WHEREAS, faculty at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, have been on strike over benefits for almost 3 weeks [1]; and,

WHEREAS, both sides cite health care as the central issue remaining at the core of the dispute [2]; and,

WHEREAS, within the faculty union, 85 percent of the voters authorized a strike with 95 percent of eligible voters participating [3]; and,

WHEREAS, over 30 students have participated in a sit in outside Wright State President Cheryl Schrader's office this past week [4]; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of classes have been cancelled due to striking faculty [5]; and,

WHEREAS, the university has "started seeking long-term adjunct instructors to fill the roles of striking faculty" [6]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate stands in solidarity with the striking faculty at Wright State University.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and supports the collective bargaining rights of higher education faculty across the country.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Wright State University President Cheryl Schrader, the Wright State University Board of Trustees, the American Association of University Professors Wright State University Chapter, and United Faculty of Florida at UF.

[1] <https://www.npr.org/2019/02/07/692259138/wright-state-faculty-strike-drag-on-into-its-third-week>

[2] <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/wright-state-strike-faculty-union-host-statehouse-meeting-friday/zMdfY7NA0smkTQYbCGXuQI/>

[3] <https://aaup-wsu.org/2019/01/14/aaup-wsu-members-vote-to-strike-against-wsu-strike-to-begin-january-22/>

[4] <https://www.whio.com/news/local/wright-state-students-stage-sit-solidarity-with-faculty-union-strike/7GE3cvkZio8oqozLexXTSI/>

[5] <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2019/02/06/wright-state-cancels-courses-looks-replacement-instructors-faculty-strike>

[6] <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/wright-state-offering-students-options-for-classes-canceled-strike/XgYFmuJSPGJmNBbdLr7xSM/>