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**UC Unions To Hold Statewide Protest:
“Regentsville” Soup Line, Rallies, Tug of War**
Protest UC Bad Faith Bargaining, Mistreatment

On Wednesday February 26th, University of California lecturers, represented by the University Council-AFT (UC-AFT), and UC unions representing more than 50,000 UC staff, will hold noon-time rallies on seven UC campuses to protest the UC Administration’s bad faith bargaining. The lecturers will join clerical workers, nurses and professional and technical employees to alert the public to threats to quality education, research and healthcare at UC. At UC Santa Barbara, lecturers and staff will hold a “Regentsville” soup line, and a skit depicting a tug of war between management and labor.

“Apparently the UC Administration believes that the State’s economic difficulties give UC a green light to ignore the serious and long-standing needs of its employees,” says Mike Rotkin, Lecturer at UCSC and a UC-AFT vice-president. “Many of our bargaining proposals are not about money but basic respect for the people that do half the teaching and other essential work at UC. Budget problems are never an excuse for bad faith bargaining.”

During more than two years of bargaining with the lecturers, the university administration has been charged with 69 unfair labor practices. Now these employees are saying, “Enough is enough!” The Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) most recently issued a complaint against the UC administration charging failure to bargain in good faith with the lecturers on January 3. *For details on local activities, please contact:*

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