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...Clark faculty press for pay parity with K-12 teachers

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Full-time professors there make \$53,000 to \$75,000 a year for year-round work, and went without even cost-of-living increases for six years in a row. Meanwhile, at nearby K-12 school districts, school teachers with an equivalent masters degree make \$93,000 to \$97,000 after a recent pay bump.

“The cost of living has increased so much in Vancouver and Portland in the last few years, and our salaries have not caught up at all,” said communications instructor Suzanne Southerland.

Clark College music teacher Don Appert, head of his department, says he’s never had more than a 3 percent raise in over 20 years. And nursing professor Lisa Aepfelbacher says graduates of her nursing program will make more their first year of work nursing than the instructors who taught them.

In this year’s salary negotiations, Clark administrators began by offering just a cost-of-living increase. Union president Kim Sullivan said that amounted to bad faith: What’s the use of bargaining as a union



if the college is only offering what it’s already mandated by state law to give? At a Feb. 13 bargaining session, the college increased its offer to 1 percent above the state’s cost-of-living raise.

But Clark administration is also asking departments to prepare for budget cuts of up to 5 percent, citing declining enrollment and the state revenue that’s

tied to enrollment. Several years ago, budget cuts led Clark to eliminate whole programs, including French and German, paralegal training, and medical radiology.

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for Clark College said the school — in partnership with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges — is asking the Washington

Legislature to fund a 12 percent increase in employee salaries over the next four years.

Until salary negotiations are settled, the union is asking members to wear their red “pay equity” t-shirts every Wednesday.

“We hope they don’t make us strike,” Southerland said.

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