

As a Contract at OUS Hung in the Balance, Legislators Made a Big Difference for Us

Electing labor-friendly legislators has obvious benefits when bills are voted out of committee and key votes are taken in the House and Senate. But sometimes, friendly legislators can make a difference in less obvious ways.

One prime example came during our fight for a fair contract for 4,000 classified workers at OUS.

With prospects for a settlement bleak and strike preparations under way, legislators stepped up by meeting with members, calling the Chancellor and calling University Presidents to encourage an agreement that mirrored the DAS settlement.

From Ashland to Portland, legislators met with members on campuses to hear about their concerns about the progress with bargaining. Then many of those legislators put their influence and prestige on the line for us, encouraging university officials to come to a fair settlement quickly. Legislative support played a part in our victory at the bargaining table. It is just another example of how politics impact our work in the Legislature and the bargaining table.

Thank you to all the legislators who supported us. We want to give special recognition to legislators who met with members and made phone calls or wrote letters to the Chancellor and the University Presidents.



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