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SAN DIEGO STATE STAFF MEMBERS RALLY FOR UNION RIGHTS

The CSU Employees Union (CSUEU) and its supporters in the campus community will rally and march on the San Diego State University (SDSU) campus in support of union rights. The action coincides with contract bargaining taking place on the campus over three days, June 7-9.

What: CSUEU members and their supporters will rally and march in support of collective bargaining rights and to heighten awareness of contract negotiations between the CSU and CSUEU. Speakers will discuss the what's on the table from workers' points of view. They'll emphasize the critical impact of the state budget crisis on all CSU campuses, including SDSU, and the urgent need for legislators to pass tax extensions to avoid even greater cuts to the CSU.

Purpose: The action is intended to show support for CSUEU negotiators as they explore any and all options for a just contract during these difficult economic times.

Background: In 2006, CSU and CSUEU agreed to a contract that was set to expire in 2009, but the two parties agreed in 2009 to extend the contract another two years. It is now set to expire on June 30. Last February, [CSUEU "sunshined" \(that is, made public\) the articles of the contract that it intends to open](#) during negotiations, and in March [CSU did the same](#). Statewide bargaining talks began last month with sessions at the CSU Los Angeles and Sacramento State campuses. They're taking place against the backdrop of draconian cuts to the CSU due to California's dire budget crisis.

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Where: North of Love Library in the seating area under the trees

Time: Opening comments begin at 12:05 p.m., to be followed by a march through the inner part of the campus back to the seating area, followed by a rally starting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Rally Speakers include:

CSUEU VP for Member Engagement Joseph Dobzynski, Jr.
CSUEU VP for Representation Russell Kilday-Hicks
CSUEU Chapter 318 President Sue Henry

Campus map: https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/map/sdsu_map_bw.pdf

CSUEU Press Room: <http://www.csueu.org/Home/PressRoom/tabid/944/Default.aspx>

About CSUEU

Incorporated in 2005 after serving its members as a division of the California State Employees Association for more than 70 years, the California State University Employees Union (www.csueu.org) has built up a rich record of achievements on behalf of its 16,000 represented employees. Today it represents classified staff members at the California State University's 23 campuses, as well as the Office of the Chancellor, encompassing such diverse job categories as registered nurses, custodians, groundworkers, library assistants, graphic specialists, information technology consultants and performing arts technicians, among many others.