



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### CSU LOS ANGELES STAFF MEMBERS RALLY AS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

The CSU Employee Union (CSUEU), its sister unions, and students will rally and march in support of CSUEU members and their families as contract bargaining begins.

**What:** CSUEU members and their supporters will rally and march to heighten awareness of contract negotiations between the CSU and CSUEU. Those statewide talks have just begun with bargaining sessions this week located at the CSULA campus. Speakers will discuss the what's on the table from workers' points of view, including the waste caused by unnecessary contracting out of services that can be performed by CSUEU members.

**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. The rally is designed to send a strong message to the Office of the Chancellor that no takeaways will be accepted, that CSUEU expects a fair contract, and that the union will fight to protect its members' rights.

**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](#).

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011

**Where:** Main walkway in front of the PE Building

**Time:** Rally begins at 12 p.m., to be followed by a march through the inner part of the campus back to the main walkway, ending at approximately 1 p.m.

**Rally Speakers include:**

CSUEU President Pat Gantt  
CSUEU VP for Representation Russell Kilday-Hicks  
CSUEU VP for Member Engagement Joseph Dobzynski  
CSUEU Chapter 311 President Gilbert Garcia  
California Faculty Association Chapter President Melina Abdullah  
Academic Professionals of California Chief Steward Hiram Channell

**Parking Information and Campus map:** <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/maps/cslamap.php>

**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](http://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.