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CAL POLY POMONA STUDENTS RALLY TO SUPPORT EMBATTLED PROFESSORS

MORE THAN 100 TEACHERS COULD BE FIRED AS A RESULT OF CUTS IN MATH & SCIENCE

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly Pomona are expected to rally this afternoon against budget cuts that could result in the cancellation of scores of course sections and the firing of more than 100 faculty members.

The rally will take place at 4:30 p.m. Friday in school's main quad.

"On behalf of our learning-centered university," said Gwen Urey, President of the Cal Poly Pomona chapter of the California Faculty Association and Professor of Urban & Regional Planning, "I call on the Cal Poly Pomona Administration to restore all classes that that are scheduled to be cut, reinstate all faculty members currently subject to lay-offs and ensure transparency on any similar situations in other Cal Poly colleges."

Earlier today, the College of Science Dean Donald Straney was expected to announce publicly the cuts that have been under discussion in the campus administration.

The rally was called after numerous hints leaked from school administrators that all contingent professors — known as Lecturers — currently teaching in the College of Sciences will not be retained in the upcoming winter quarter. The College of Sciences consists of the departments of math, biology, computer science, geology and physics. In the math and statistics departments alone such an action would result in some 70 professors losing their jobs.

The implications for students would be immense. The proposed reductions and faculty layoffs could result in the cancellation of as many as 100 of the 177 sections proposed for the winter quarter.

While students continue to struggle to get classes and pay for school, top CSU Executives like Pomona campus president Michael Ortiz continue to rake in exorbitant salary increases. Ortiz's salary has increased by 42% or by \$86,992 in the past two years. He currently makes \$292,000 a year plus a \$1,000 per month car allowance and a \$60,000 annual housing stipend.

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