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Howling for Quality Education at Cal Poly Pomona

The spirits of quality education past will howl for justice for contingent faculty and financially struggling students at Cal Poly Pomona campus this Halloween, Wednesday October 31, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the campus main quad.

The California Faculty Association Pomona chapter will mark national “Campus Equity Week” with:

- **Ghost Lecturers**, the lecturer faculty who are no longer employed by Cal Poly because of budget cuts. These ghosts also signify the marginalized—and growing—presence of contingent faculty in the everyday life and operations of many of the nation’s campuses.
- **The Cemetery of Students No Longer Here** because of fee Increases.
- **The Cemetery of Science Classes Dead** because of budget cuts.
- **Administration Vampires**, sucking the blood of the University with their fat pay raises and misplaced priorities.

Just last week, the campus narrowly avoided draconian cuts to the College of Science, after a college dean notified faculty of plans to eliminate large numbers of classes and layoff all contingent lecturer faculty in the winter and spring quarters.

Immediate protests led to the “discovery” of funds last Friday to avoid the cuts. (See video of the protest at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C9Mh3M0Ogc>) If implemented, such cuts would have a drastic impact on students trying to get necessary science and math classes to complete their degrees. Already, reduced classes on most of the 23 CSU campuses are making it more difficult for students to graduate on time, even as statewide CSU fees have risen 94% in five years.

“Campus Equity Week” is a national day on which university faculty call attention to the rising number of temporary teaching positions, resulting in insecure, low-paying jobs with few or no medical and other benefits and without the resources to adequately guide students through their college years.

More than half the faculty in the California State University are in contingent/temporary positions. About 25% are not able to get enough hours to qualify for medical insurance.

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