



PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

**American Association of
University Professors**

Promoting Quality Higher Education – An Investment in Oregon's Future

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Late County Board of Commissioners
125 East 8th Avenue Eugene,
OR 97401

Dear Board of Commissioners of Lane County,

On behalf of almost 1400 academics at Portland State University, represented by our union, the Portland State University chapter of the American Association of University Professors (PSU-AAUP), our Executive Council urges you to reach a prompt and just resolution with our colleagues of AFSCME 2831.

In 2014, PSU-AAUP was also forced to call a strike. Thankfully, we were able to resolve matters, but only because of our dedication to whom we serve, and strong solidarity from students, the community, and Oregon elected officials. Since then, Portland State University administrators have understood the significance of good relations with faculty to a strong university, and that respect has carried in to subsequent bargaining that has greatly contributed to the strength of Portland State University.

We hope that with wisdom, and a sense of justice, you will act to promptly restore relations with our colleagues in AFSCME 2831, whose dedication and work on behalf of Lane County, and Oregon citizens, deserves to be rewarded justly.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'José Padín'.

Dr. José Padín
President, PSU-AAUP