

RITCHIE TORRES

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President Tania Tetlow
Fordham University
441 East Fordham Road
Bronx, NY 10458

Dear President Tetlow:

I write regarding the ongoing negotiations towards a new contract between Fordham University and Fordham Faculty Forward/SEIU Local 200United, the union chapter representing Fordham's part-time adjunct faculty and lecturers. I understand more than 600 members will be directly affected by a new contract that has yet to be reached despite over twenty bargaining sessions since March 2022.

Fordham University's founding mission is to center student education around its three ideals, "strive for excellence in everything you do, care for others, and fight for justice." To best fulfill this mission, it is critical Fordham lead by example and negotiate a contract that addresses all the concerns surrounding employee wages and benefits. Fordham's part-time adjunct faculty and lecturers are directly responsible for educating its students. It is in the interest of their education the administration forges a fair contract that reflects the guiding values of Fordham University.

I urge you to work promptly to negotiate in good faith and find a solution to all outstanding issues that have been raised by the students, administrators, and part-time adjunct faculty and lecturers at Fordham University. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ritchie" followed by a stylized surname.

Ritchie Torres