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LIU BROOKLYN FACULTY LOCKED OUT ON EVE OF NO CONFIDENCE VOTE AGAINST PRESIDENT KIMBERLY L. CLINE

—Brooklyn, NY, September 1, 2016. Long Island University informed the LIU Faculty Federation (LIUFF) that it plans to lock out faculty at midnight on Friday, September 2, on the eve of a no confidence vote in President Kimberly L Cline. The faculty contract expired on August 31. Picketing to protest the lockout and use of replacement workers will take place on Flatbush and DeKalb Avenues at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 7, the first day of classes. The LIU Faculty Federation/NYSUT/AFT represents fulltime and adjunct faculty.

The lockout is the culmination of a series of actions taken by the administration over the summer that include advertising for replacement workers, unilaterally canceling classes, and uploading erroneous materials to course management websites. The Brooklyn Faculty Senate has submitted two official complaints to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education alleging non-compliance with accreditation standards regarding shared governance, integrity and academic practices.

The University seeks to eliminate a parity clause despite a long history of greater resources and compensation for suburban LIU Post; continues to offer Brooklyn a lower salary increase; seeks onerous changes such as post-tenure review; and aims to impose harsh new exploitative conditions on part-time adjunct faculty, including elimination of its benefit trust fund.

LIUFF President Dr. Jessica Rosenberg said, “We will not be intimidated by a lockout that is unprecedented in LIU history, and will continue to bargain in good faith.”

President Cline received a letter earlier in the month from NYC Public Advocate Letitia James and seven elected Brooklyn officials decrying labor relations at the Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University. Five campus unions are currently without contracts. James warned that the use of replacement faculty “will only exacerbate your administration’s troubled relationship with labor in New York City.”

For more information, visit the LIUFF website at <http://www.liuff.net>.

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