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### **Chatham Faculty United asks Board of Trustees to end possibly longest running hearing in Pittsburgh history**

PITTSBURGH (September 24, 2024) – Chatham Faculty United has sent an [open letter](#) to the Chatham University Board of Trustees asking them to end the current hearings at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and allow an election. According to one NLRB staff attorney, the hearings – which have now totaled 213 hours across 31 separate days since February – may be the longest in the history of the Pittsburgh Regional Office.

Using publicly available data, Chatham Faculty United estimates that the Board of Trustees has now spent close to \$1 million to challenge the right of faculty to be represented by a union.

Chatham Faculty United represents full-time faculty at Chatham University who are working to gain collective bargaining rights that faculties at other Pittsburgh and regional higher education institutions – including Point Park University, Robert Morris University, the University of Pittsburgh and the schools of the Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education – already have. Chatham Faculty United formed at the start of the 2023-24 academic year and over 80% of faculty have signed cards.

Dr. Jessie Ramey, Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and History and a member of the faculty organizing committee said, "Like many faculty, I am also a Chatham parent: we send our precious children to this university because we believe so passionately in our mission and what we do for students. Chatham is a very special place and a union contract will ensure that we thrive for years to come."

The goal of unionization at Chatham University is to bring greater transparency, shared governance and job stability to full-time faculty. Once the bargaining unit is recognized, faculty will be a local of AFT Pennsylvania, which represents more than 36,000 members at all levels of education throughout the Commonwealth.

For more information about Chatham Faculty United, visit [ChathamFaculty.org](https://ChathamFaculty.org).

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