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10/5/2015	1	Committee on Education and Child Development	Recommended to Pass	Pass
9/24/2015	1	City Council	Referred	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there at least 6,565¹ non-tenured faculty currently working in private, non-profit colleges and universities in the City of Chicago in the 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS, there over 127,751² students enrolled in college or graduate school at private, nonprofit colleges and universities in the City of Chicago who increasingly depend on the instruction and guidance of non-tenure, contingent faculty that same academic year; and

WHEREAS, Chicago students paid an average of \$31,615 and up to \$47,514³ in tuition in the 2013-2014 academic year to attend a private, non-profit college or university in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, non-tenure contingent faculty should be adequately supported by their institutions for their growing presence and role in the academic pursuits of Chicago's students; and

WHEREAS, many non-tenure contingent faculty have little job security and must take on multiple course loads at several colleges or universities to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, many private, non-profit colleges and universities do not provide health care benefits to their non-tenure, contingent faculty; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living in the City of Chicago is 17%⁴ higher than the US average; and

WHEREAS, non-tenure, contingent faculty in the City of Chicago should be paid fair wages and benefits that allow them to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the decision of whether to unionize belongs solely to workers, and should not be interfered with;

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council strongly endorse the efforts of non-tenure, contingent faculty in private, non-profit colleges and universities to organize in an organization of their choosing to improve their working conditions and have a voice on campus.

¹ See SEIU Local 73 analysis of the National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Final release data, 2013. Accessed at <<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/>> on 7/23/2015

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, Table 728. Cost of Living Index-Selected Urban Areas, Annual Average: 2010. Accessed at <<https://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2012/tables/12s0728.pdf>> on 7/23/15

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11th Ward Aid. Patrick Thompson,

23rd Ward Aid. Michael Zalewski,

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32nd Ward Aid. Scott Waguespack,

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