

Sent: Mon 3/16/2009
From: HUCTW Info
To: HUCTW Membership
Subject: Spring into Action with HUCTW

Dear HUCTW Member,

Beginning today, our Union is introducing a visibility effort on the theme of “Staff, Not Stuff.” All across the Harvard campus, HUCTW members and friends will be expressing support for the idea that the University’s skillful and hard-working people should be the highest priority in this time of economic difficulty.

It is time to work together and have our concerns seen and heard as widely as possible. Please visit the Union website at www.huctw.org/StaffNotStuff to access images and step-by-step instructions for the visibility effort. It is important that all members of our community show support for this idea in one or more of the following ways:

- Make the “Staff, Not Stuff” design your computer desktop wallpaper
- Print a copy and post it in your work area or in a common area
- Use the slogan and a link to www.huctw.org as your email signature
- Use the image as your Facebook or other social networking website profile photo
- Any other creative visibility ideas you can invent!

Please take these steps to show your support today, and keep the visibility up through the month of March.

March and April are the critical months in budgetary decision-making for Harvard departments and schools. In the next six weeks, many University units will be considering hard choices and making decisions that will shape our work environment for the next year or more. It should be completely clear that thousands of HUCTW members and friends care about those outcomes and believe strongly that the University’s people are the source of its greatness.

There are lots of ways to save money. Harvard schools and departments should focus first on slowing down and scaling back construction projects; reducing consulting, outside catering and travel budgets; and investing in energy conservation and employee wellness. Layoffs should be a last resort. Harvard Works Because We Do.

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