

The following letter was submitted to the editors of *The Eagle* and *The Battalion* newspapers for inclusion in their letters section by the Steering Committee of Faculty and Staff Committed to an Inclusive Campus and fifty five of its members.

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Dear Editor,

At the behest of the Living Wage Coalition of the Brazos Valley, the Texas A&M Faculty Senate recently passed a resolution which stated that the University should provide a living wage for all of its full-time workers. Initially, President Gates told the Faculty Senate that the university did not have the money to support the resolution. After a meeting with the Living Wage Coalition of the Brazos Valley, however, President Gates agreed to form a task force to explore this issue. The formation of this task force is a hopeful sign, and we urge the administration and the task force to act quickly to find the money to pay for this initiative. Further, it is absolutely crucial that in the process of finding funds for the initiative, no employees are fired, no workloads are increased, and no jobs are outsourced.

Respectfully,

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