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**IFUT to sanction withdrawal of productivity
in event of pay cuts**

The Irish Federation of University Teachers has declared that, if the Government cuts the pay of their members, then the Union will sanction an equivalent withdrawal of productivity.

"If they cut our pay, they can hardly expect us to continue working as though nothing had happened. I expect that IFUT members will disengage from non-core duties, particularly in the administrative area", said Mike Jennings, IFUT's General Secretary.

IFUT will also re-ballot its members to take part in any national or education sector-wide strikes in opposition to a pay cut for these members.

"At a time when there are more students than ever before in Higher Education, a combination of the drastic under-staffing caused by the misguided staffing embargo and the collapse of morale caused by the cut of pay seems guaranteed to do untold damage to the education system just when so many more people need it", said Mr. Jennings, who was speaking following a meeting of IFUT's National Executive at the weekend.

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