

## Re: FMST Department Support for Grad Student Strike 🔍 Inbox x



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Hello Feminist Studies Graduate, DE, and undergraduate students,

As Chair of the Feminist Studies Department, I write this email to communicate our collective support for the Graduate Student Strike this week. We share graduate student's concerns and demands for an increase in pay given grad compensation is too low at UCSC compared to the high cost of living, especially the cost of housing, in Santa Cruz county. This means that we support the graduate students' decision to withhold grades as a tool to negotiate their demands for a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) increase.

Please know that we are eager to work with both our graduate students and undergraduates through this strike since we do not know what the upper administration response will be, or how long the strike will last.

In the spirit of mutual support, please do contact us if you have any concerns or questions along the way.

Please send an email to Anne Eickelberg (Undergrad Advisor), Taylor Ainslie (Grad Advisor/Dept Manager), or me with any questions or concerns.

In Solidarity,

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