

*The SCFA sent the following message to faculty on 12/11/19:*

Dear Colleagues,

The Santa Cruz Faculty Association (SCFA) supports the graduate students' demand for a COLA to deal with the extreme rent burden they face living in Santa Cruz. The students have spelled out in clear terms the reasons why they are conducting a grading strike. Their letter, below, provides their rationale as well as their views for how faculty can support their campaign.

SCFA supports the graduate students. Although we are not calling for a sympathy strike, SCFA encourages faculty to express their support for the graduate students' COLA demand, and to not volunteer to take up the TAs'/Readers' work in their absence. If you do not have a TA/Reader assigned to your course, you should continue your full range of traditional work, including assigning and submitting grades. If a TA/Reader normally assigns and/or submits grades, you are not required to prepare or submit grades on their behalf during the strike. We have attorneys on our side to ensure that faculty who decline to volunteer to take up struck work are protected to the maximum extent that the law provides.

We will be back in touch very soon with more information.

Sincerely,

SCFA Executive Board