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Dear History Graduate Students:

Many of the History Department faculty signed the Faculty Petition in Solidarity with Graduate Students last quarter. We write now as a department to reaffirm our support for you, and for your current efforts to address the cost of living and the inadequacy of existing support for graduate students on the UCSC campus. This strike has made it clear that the university must move immediately to address the problem of graduate student support. As a department, we will not penalize graduate students in any way for engaging in this grade strike, nor will we endorse any disciplinary measures directed at graduate students who have participated in the strike. While the division makes actual appointments, History will recommend employment of TAs as originally scheduled and awarding fellowships regardless of strike participation.

We are strongly in favor of immediate conversations between the administration and the graduate students, without any preconditions, to devise solutions to the unsustainable situation in which you are attempting to conduct your work.

Best,

The History Faculty