Dear University of California Santa Cruz President Janet Napolitano, Chancellor Cynthia Larive and Provost and Vice Chancellor Lori Kletzer -

We, the Loyola Workers’ Coalition, are writing in solidarity with UC Santa Cruz graduate student faculty as they strike for the cost of living increase they have earned. We understand that educators’ living conditions affect students’ learning conditions, and thus back UCSC graduate student workers as they fight for the stability and living wage that will support them as they support the UC Santa Cruz community as a whole.

Precarity undermines the very missions the academe seeks to serve; one cannot best learn, teach nor research if their very health and safety is at risk. UC Santa Cruz must make sure that Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs is met for its graduate student faculty before it can ask them to achieve any of the three hierarchical models of Bloom’s Taxonomy of Educational Objectives. We thus urge you to reach a swift and just resolution of this issue with and for your graduate students.

In solidarity,

The Loyola Worker Coalition, née:

The Association of American University Professors Loyola University Chicago Chapter
The Loyola University Chicago College of Arts and Sciences Contingent Faculty Union
The Loyola Graduate Workers’ Union