

A statement of support for the UCSC Grad Students Strike

Dear distant friends and colleagues,

Though we're divided by the atlantic ocean, we are united in many of our struggles and hardships. Your troubles with housing due to low wages and general lack of support is like an echo of our own, and though Denmark and the U.S. are two very different countries, lack of affordable housing for students seems to be a depressing commonality.

We know from experience that sometimes direct action is a requirement to foster real change. Through the end of 2019, we had our own confrontations with our own leadership, leading to a 38 day long occupation on campus. That struggle was long and hard, but in the end we persevered, and we ended up in a much better position for it, having won a real victory for student democracy.

When the going gets tough, take heart in knowing that you, too, will emerge from this victorious and much stronger than you were walking into it. Whether in Denmark or the U.S., or any country in the world, students are fighting for a better tomorrow. Though it may not always be apparent, our struggles are all intertwined, and across the ocean we send you our solidarity.

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On behalf of the Students' Union of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen



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