

In solidarity, as national partners with the Poor People's Campaign, our branch supports the UC students if they refused to turn in their grades this past Friday, and we denounce the threats that have been issued against graduate students who are demanding a decent standard of living at UC Santa Cruz. We include the expanded participation of teachers' assistants, doctoral candidates and graduate students, teachers, undergraduates and UC maintenance workers, among others, including UAW Local 2865, which has pledged, under the current contract, to defend strikers facing discipline. We join Rev. Dr. William Barber, II, National Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign in his statement:

“President Napolitano has chosen to respond to this crisis of poverty with a repressive position that promotes structural violence against the poor. We stand with the UC Santa Cruz students and teachers lifting up their demands for a cost of living increase and against the immoral choice between going hungry and being homeless.”