

The Bread and Roses Collective Solidarity with striking graduate students at UCSC



The Bread and Roses Collective (BRC) is a revolutionary socialist organization that is based at both the University of Vermont campus and its community wing at the city of Burlington, Vermont. The BRC is committed to the emancipation of the working class, and to fighting all forms of oppression. The news of the Graduate Student Workers at UCSC have reached us in Vermont, and we have learnt about how one of the least affordable universities declined to grant a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to the graduate student graders. We have felt the inspiration from the other end of the continent from these wildcat striking workers, and we voice our full support to all them at UCSC in their courageous organizing against the university's attempts to exploit them for wages that fall too short from meeting the necessary amounts to pay for their basic means of life, housing, and food.

We understand that many of the striking students face dire circumstances by striking with prospects of falling deeper in students debt or facing deportation by the university's administrative negligence of their well-beings. We also understand that the striking students are not being awarded anywhere near the true amount of their labor, and that this revenue is instead funneled into administrative profiteers whose contribution to the value of education, which in fact the graduate students provide, is completely absent.

Therefore, we demand that the UCSC grant the striking students their living wages, retain the employment of nearly 80 graduate student workers that the UCSC fired, as well as the graduate student workers who declined to renew their contracts until the fired students are retained, reallocate the humble \$310 million out of the \$9.5 billion budget to the COLA, and that UCSC apologize for disrupting the lives of those students and for any grievances that the administration may have caused due to its irresponsible leadership and its undeserved profiteering of the exploitation of its student proletariat.

To the Santa Cruz comrades, we send our love and solidarity,

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