

The Executive Committee of Trinity College's AAUP Chapter Supports Striking UC Graduate Employees

We on the Executive Committee at Trinity College's American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter, stand in solidarity of the graduate student-workers at the University of California.

We believe that no graduate-student worker should be homeless or rent burdened. We fully support graduate student-workers at UC Santa Cruz's demand for a cost-of-living adjustment. We believe that your demand for a \$1,412 cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) is not just reasonable but urgent, given the exceptionally high rents in Santa Cruz. We also recognize the high cost-of-living at the other UC campuses and support a COLA for all UC graduate students. We believe an injury to one is an injury to all.

We condemn the UC administration's use of riot police against graduate student-workers and their supporters at the picket, their threats of deportation to international student-workers, and most recently their termination letters. No university should be taking that approach toward its own employees. We demand that the University of California rescind these termination letters and threats of deportation.