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To Striking Workers at UCSC,

The California Faculty Association, Maritime Chapter is in solidarity with our public higher education comrades in the University of California system, members of the Union of Professional and Technical Employees (UPTE-CWA 9119) and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME-3299), who are on strike. These UC staff provide the labor and technical support that enables the University of California to provide quality public higher education to the students of California. Our lives, dreams, and futures are entwined and we stand with you in your struggle.

The California Faculty Association is a progressive labor union representing 28,000 faculty, librarians, coaches, and counselors in the CSU system. As a union, we advocate for higher educational opportunities for all, including quality education for our students, policies that ensure access to higher education, and fair working conditions for the faculty. We want to keep the pursuit of an academic career a feasible goal for people of all social backgrounds.

As a labor union, we understand the divide and conquer strategies that management employs, and we support our union siblings of the UC System in their efforts to secure stable and supportive working conditions and fair and just compensation. As faculty, we understand that your labor is fundamental to the mission of providing quality public higher education to the students of California and generating knowledges we need for a more just future.

Living in the Bay Area, we share with our colleagues the struggle of high expenses and the necessity of a living wage. In recognition of our shared struggle and in our desire to materially support your fight, we are sending \$500 from our local CFA chapter. We hope this can be useful towards your fundamental needs to stay alive, safe, and strong.

In Solidarity,
CSU Maritime
California Faculty Association



*One of the most vital ways we sustain ourselves is by building communities of resistance,
places where we know we are not alone.*

-bell hooks