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**MAY 2-3, UC STUDENT-WORKERS DEMAND THE DEMILITARIZATION OF CAMPUS
POLICE AND SANCTUARY CAMPUSES**

OAKLAND, CA— Drawing lessons from Black Lives Matter, the Dreamers, and other undocumented activists, student-workers at the University of California are using their Union contract negotiations as a tool to advance racial justice at the University. On May 2-3, the UC Student-Workers Union (UAW 2865), which represents more than 17,000 undergraduate and graduate student workers across the statewide UC system, will call on UC to adopt “Health and Safety” provisions in their employment contract to make the UC a safer and more inclusive workplace. Part of the Union’s #UCForAll Contract Bargaining Campaign, these proposals aim to demilitarize UC campus police and establish concrete sanctuary provisions for immigrant, undocumented, and international students.

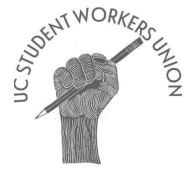
In response to the Trump administration’s xenophobic immigration stances, the UC Administration has issued repeated statements of support for the international, immigrant, and undocumented students and workers who contribute to the University, but the Union is pushing for concrete measures. The Union’s Sanctuary Campus demands include immediate notification when DHS or ICE officers are present on campus, a policy refusing to admit DHS or ICE officers without a valid warrant, the University’s commitment to protecting the names, addresses, and immigration statuses of student-workers.

The Union’s proposal to demilitarize UC campus police are directed by testimonials and demands from student-workers of color who have experienced racial profiling and harassment from campus police. Under the new contract language, police would be prohibited from carrying lethal weapons on campus, and campus police would be prohibited from cooperating with other law enforcement agencies.

UCLA Ph.D. student Rafael Solórzano said, "It's not enough for University administrators to release statements of solidarity with undocumented students and students of color. In the face of the real threats to our communities posed by ICE, the evidence of widespread police bias, and the lack of demonstrated need for weaponized campus police forces, UC has to enact policies to ensure the safety of our students, fellow workers, and our families. Our union contract must ensure the health and safety of workers at their place of work."

The Union is also demanding new protections against sexual violence and sexual harassment at the UC, and on May 2-3, Union bargaining representatives expect a response from UCOP to new survivor-centered contract language proposed by the Union two weeks ago. Seeking to fix the broken Title IX process and advocating for stronger protections against sexual violence, UC student-workers are demanding that the administration adhere to the principles of the #MeToo Movement as part of the collective bargaining process.

UC STUDENT-WORKERS UNION, UAW LOCAL 2865



UC student workers and union leaders are available for interviews in advance of the bargaining session, as well as after the bargaining session.

WHAT: #UCFORALL CONTRACT BARGAINING
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
10AM - 12 PM OPEN BARGAINING SESSION, UCOP OFFICES
WHO: UC UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE WORKERS
WHERE: UCOP Offices, 1111 Franklin St, Oakland, CA 94607

* The full list of the UC Student-Workers Union goals for bargaining is available at:
<http://www.uaw2865.org/wp-content/uploads/UAW-2865-Final-2018-Bargaining-Goals-for-Ratification.pdf>
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