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Statement of Faculty Support of Graduate Students, Postdocs, and Academic Researchers

As faculty, we recognize the critical role that graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and academic researchers play in helping us to fulfill our mission of education, research, and service. The rapid increase in the cost of living places an unprecedented financial burden on so many valued members of our university community, and especially impacts our graduate students, postdocs, and academic researchers. We support the rights of students, postdocs, and academic researchers to strike as a means to improve conditions and equity for academic workers across the UC system. We respect individual decisions surrounding the strike and recognize that there are many ways to show support. We pledge not to retaliate against any employees based on how they choose to engage with strike activities. We urge the UCOP to negotiate in good faith with UAW to find a solution that recognizes the vital labor and contributions of these valued members of our community.

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