

The History Department hereby resolves to urge the UCSC administration to persuade UCOP to bargain with the UAW in good faith and to take the bargaining position of the UC Graduate Student Associations seriously. This is necessary to bring UC's graduate student employee salary scale into line with that of our comparison institutions, to account for the cost of living in California, and to keep pace with the rate of inflation especially in rents and cost of living. This is made all the more urgent by the ongoing critical shortage of affordable rental housing in Santa Cruz County. A recent study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition ranked the Santa Cruz-Watsonville metropolitan area as the second most expensive region in the nation for renters. Addressing these issues would not only avoid an extremely disruptive strike, but enable UC to better compete with comparable universities around the country for the best graduate students and achieve its goals of excellence.

The resolution was overwhelmingly approved by a secret ballot of ladder-rank faculty.