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UCSA Supports AFSCME 3299

LOS ANGELES, CA - As the UC Regents gather for the second day of their meeting at UCLA on Thursday, September 27th, they continue to deny more than 24,000 UC workers statewide the right to a livable wage, guaranteed pensions, affordable health care, and a number of other basic needs measures, for which members of AFSCME 3299 went on strike this past May.

The UC Student Association recently passed a [resolution](#) vocalizing that students across the state denounce the UC's mistreatment of these workers, and demand that their contract asks met. The following statement was released in response by the Student Labor Advocacy Project at UCLA:

"Students understand that there would be no UC system without the frontline workers who make our universities function - yet UC executives continue to deny these workers the respect, dignity, and fair contracts they deserve. As students within the UC system, we cannot tolerate unjust labor practices on our campuses. That is why we have come together to formally endorse the bargaining demands of AFSCME 3299."

Following the May strike, a bargaining meeting was scheduled between AFSCME 3299 and the UC for September 13-14 in Davis, but this meeting was canceled by UC executives less than 24 hours before its allotted time. Actions like these, as well as the subcontracting of service jobs, and the UC's [refusal to address pay inequity](#) based on race and gender, demonstrate the UC's violent and intentional disregard for its lowest-paid members, the majority of whom are Black or brown.

It was announced at Wednesday's meeting at UCLA that AFSCME 3299 membership will be voting on October 9th and 10th as to whether they will be going on strike again in the fall. Their previous strike shut down regular services at UC campuses and hospitals, and also led Kamala Harris and John Lewis, who had been scheduled as keynote speakers for graduation at UC Berkeley and UC San Diego, to boycott the UC system by refusing these opportunities.

The workers of AFSCME 3299 are not the only group of campus laborers out of contract during the fall semester/quarter. Currently the workers of UPTE-CWA 9119 and UC-AFT are also without a contract, meaning that service care workers, patient care workers, technical employees, counselors, librarians, and teachers across the UC system continue to be exploited for the profit of those at the top, namely the UC Regents and President Janet Napolitano.

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The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over a quarter million undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.



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