

**Resolution in Support of Graduate Workers on Strike at UC Santa Cruz**

*Adopted by the DSC on February 21, 2020*

WHEREAS, the Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (DSC) shares CUNY's historic mission of providing access to higher education to low-income communities and communities of color in New York City and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the DSC represents and advocates for students from Doctoral and Master's programs at the Graduate Center CUNY, many of whom are themselves graduate workers; and

WHEREAS, graduate student workers at the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) began an open-ended strike on Monday, February 10, demanding a cost-of-living increase to address the high cost of living and especially of housing in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, UCSC graduate workers have taken this bold step without the support of their union and following ratification of a new contract that did not include adequate pay increases; and

WHEREAS, UCSC graduate workers along with students, faculty, and other supporters have engaged in courageous direct action and civil disobedience to press their demands; and

WHEREAS, despite the nonviolent nature of these protest actions, UCSC has called in hundreds of police and security officers from across the state in an attempt to break the strike; and

WHEREAS, these officers have acted with excessive force and aggression, harming and arresting students and workers and escalating the conflict; and

WHEREAS, arrested students have been punished by being banned from campus and thus blocked from access to campus medical care and other needed services; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED that the Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (DSC) of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York expresses its firm support of and solidarity with the UCSC graduate workers and their struggle to win a livable income through strikes and direct action; and

RESOLVED that the DSC emphatically condemns all use of force, threats, and intimidation against the UCSC strikers and calls on UCSC to resolve the strike swiftly by addressing the just demands of the graduate student workers; and

FINALLY RESOLVED that the DSC commits to publicly and widely disseminating this resolution, together with links to a faculty solidarity sign-on letter and a fundraising page for the strike fund, in support of the UCSC graduate workers on strike for fair pay.