## Email to Professors

Subject Line: [PLEASE READ] 2018 AFSCME 3299 STRIKE MAY 7 - 9

Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_, a student in your class, and I am with United Students Against Sweatshops. We're mobilizing students in solidarity with our UC campus workers who are fighting for racial, gender and economic justice. As you may know, AFSCME 3299 is a labor union that represents over 25,000 of the UC service and patient care workers on campus and in medical centers. 97% of the AFSCME workers recently voted 'yes' on strike after a year of unsuccessful negotiations with the UC to demand a living wage, sanctuary policies, the elimination of e-verify, an increase in student worker minimum wage, the strengthening of sexual harassment protections, the ability to retire in dignity and no more contracting out!

These workers are over 50% Latinx and 80% are people of color. The UC continues to not negotiate in good faith with the workers showing them that they do not value their work. This is all happening the same year the UC gave all its chancellors a raise when they are already making around \$500,000 a year.

To turn the heat up on our demands, workers will be holding a statewide strike, this upcoming week on May 7 - 9th from 6am - 8pm at La Rue & Hutchinson. California Nurses Association and UPTE - CAW also announced that they will be solidarity striking with AFSCME 3299 workers. Four student resource centers are closing down, multiple faculty are moving classes to the picket line or cancelling class to be in solidarity with workers. I am inviting you to consider one of these options for our class as well as informing your students of what is happening on our campus. As privileged students and professors, when we use our collective voices to demand more for our campus workers, we can make big changes to our campus.

Thank you,

**Attach Strike Flyer Below:** 

