

Hello __ (Department/Chair/Professor) __,

My name is ____ and I am __ (position/in dpt or class(?)) _____. I am reaching out to you today because next week, October 23-25th, service and patient care workers on our campus and throughout the UC system are going on strike!

AFSCME Local 3299 is the largest union in the UC, representing over 25k workers on every UC campus and medical center. Local 3299 is currently in bargaining with the UC over their Service and Patient Care contracts that dictate the wages, benefits, and job security of the workers who make our University system run. Recent studies have brought to light the grave inequalities in UC employment practices. With Black and Latinx employees at lower wages than their white counterparts, women continuing to be held at a disadvantage to male employees, and Black women earning less than their coworkers along both gender and race.

AFSCME Local 3299 is over 50% Latinx and over 80% POC - meaning this fight is directly fighting for the rights of women, immigrants, Black and Brown folks to exist and provide for themselves and their families on our campuses.

This fight is not simply about wages and benefits for campus workers, but about social, racial, and economic justice at the UC! And that is why I am asking for __ (you/this department) _____ to support students in joining the fight by:

- Holding teach-ins during the strike days 10/23 and 10/25 throughout the day(s)
- Dismissing class to strike rally times 10/23 and 10/25 11:00am-1:00pm
- Offering extra credit for student participation in the strike
- Encouraging faculty support in participation and the above actions during the strike

With the strike just a week away, how will __ (you/this department) _____ be showing up in this fight? Either in the efforts listed above and/or additional means?

In solidarity,

____ (name) _____