

Class Raps 101

A short guide on how to effectively do a class rap!

1. Notify your professor via email or before class starts by asking if you can do an announcement. If your professor knows about the strike ask if they can move class to the strike/picket line next week instead!
2. Here is a blurb below that you can use, feel free to tie it to your own experiences but make sure to emphasize the workers! Once you finish this blurb make sure to hand out and pick up sign up sheets :)

Hi, I'm _____, I'm a part of United Students Against Sweatshops at UC Davis, we are an organization focusing on labor organizing and social justice movements here on campus. Right now we're mobilizing students to be in solidarity with our campus workers to fight for racial and economic justice at UC campuses. These campus workers include custodial staff, groundskeepers, dining service workers, valet drivers, and in general those who keep the University running.

I'm coming to talk to you all today about how students can unite in solidarity with service & patient care technical workers here at UC Davis. How many of y'all remember the strike that happened last spring quarter? (Pause and wait)

So the strike was because these workers who are over 50% Latinx and 80% are people of color are being mistreated across all University of California schools. After a whole year of AFSCME 3299 bargaining with the UC, they had yet to offer a contract that valued their labor and safety in the UC. They are asking the University of California for a living wage, the ability to retire in dignity, access to reasonably priced healthcare, and to quit contracting out their jobs. The UC continues to tell workers that they won't do this even after workers went on strike last quarter sacrificing three days worth of pay.. This is all happening the same year UC gave all the chancellors across the system a raise, and they are already making around \$300,000 a year with benefits and perks (House, Car, Event money). Do yall think that seems fair?

To push for demands the workers are going on strike again next week on **October 23-25th at La Rue & Orchard Park, the grass area in front of segundo dining commons and next to the arc from 9am to 5pm to fight for a fair and dignified contract.** As students we have privilege and unique leverage to show the University that we care about our workers that make the UC run. When we use our voices to demand more for our campus workers, we can impact huge change here on campus. I'm going to pass around an interest sheet for folks, **USAS will be having work meetings this week and on the weekend to prepare for the strike** so we can send you reminders and let you know of other upcoming ways to support UC workers. Hope to see y'all there, please come up to me after class if you have any questions. Thank you!

