Subject: Literature Department Pledge to Collectively Decline Appointments

Dear Literature Department and Graduate Department Chairs,

On Friday, February 14, UC management threatened graduate students with “consequences” for participating in a labor action aimed at relieving severe rent burden and securing a living wage. UC President Janet Napolitano threatened these students with “termination of existing employment at the university,” while UCSC Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Lori Kletzer threatened all who do not submit fall quarter grades by Friday, February 21 with the revocation of their spring quarter TA or GSI appointments, thus encumbering departments and faculty with changes in current and spring quarter instruction, enrollment, and workload.

We, the undersigned, in order to protect our colleagues against retaliatory termination, pledge that if any Literature graduate student worker is fired from their current winter quarter TA/GSI position or is prevented from taking a spring quarter TA/GSI position due to their participation in the wildcat strike, we will, in solidarity, collectively decline any spring TA, GSR, or GSI appointments.

We will also, in solidarity, refuse to accept TA, GSR, and GSI positions in any other department in which TAs/GSIs have been fired as a result of participation in the wildcat strike.

We trust that we will not have to follow through with this. We ask that the university negotiate in good faith to bring this strike to an end.

Signed,

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