

Report of Divisional Action of Academic Senate
November 30th, 2022

TO: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

FROM: Roger Schoenman, Secretary *pro tem*

DATE: December 16, 2022

RE: Report of Divisional Actions of Academic Senate, November 30, 2022

November 30, 2022 Bylaw Amendments Results

The following amendment was PASSED by online ballot:

There were 256 total responses: 201 in favor, 9 opposed, 46 abstain

Proposed Amendments to Divisional Bylaw 13.14 et seq.

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING (CDF)

Proposed Amendments to Senate Bylaw 13.14 et seq.

13.14.1 There are at least six Santa Cruz Division members that include a representative from each of the academic divisions (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical and Biological Sciences), School of Engineering, and a representative provost from the Council of Provosts. The Vice Chancellor of University Relations (VCUR) and the Associate Vice Chancellor of Development (AVCD) are invited to sit with the Committee. (Am 1 Jun 20, XXX)

13.14.3 The Committee advises the Chancellor, Campus Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, VCUR, and AVCD on priorities, policies and strategies related to fundraising and development. (Am XXX)

13.14.4 The Committee aims to increase access to University Relations for all faculty members but does not advocate for individual research groups or campus initiatives. (En xxx)

November 30, 2022 Bylaw Amendments Results

The following amendment was PASSED by online ballot:

There were 256 total responses: 197 in favor, 20 opposed, 39 abstain

Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulation 6.1.2, Enrollment in 19-22 units

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY (CEP)

Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulation 6.1.2, Enrollment in 19-22 units

6.1.2 An undergraduate student is permitted to carry fewer than 15 credit hours only after obtaining approval from the college provost or the provost's designee. Such approval does not confer full-time status on the student who does not meet the requirements of SCR 6.1.1. The privilege of carrying more than 19 credit hours is in general reserved for students with a 2.5 GPA or greater and otherwise requires approval from the provost of the college or the provost's designee.

November 30, 2022 Resolution Results:

The following resolution was PASSED by online ballot

There were 256 total responses: 185 in favor, 38 opposed, 33 abstain

Senate Resolution on UAW Strike

SENATE RESOLUTION ON UAW STRIKE

Whereas: graduate students, postdocs, and other academic student employees are essential to the teaching and research mission of the University of California, most urgently as undergraduate enrollments rise;

And whereas: a living wage is necessary to recruit strong, diverse cohorts of graduate students, postdocs, and academic researchers;

And whereas: California has some of the most expensive housing in the country, and faces a severe affordable housing crisis—particularly in coastal areas like Santa Cruz;

And whereas: Santa Cruz is the least affordable small city in the United States ([UCSC No Place Like Home Study 2021](#)), where the average 1-bedroom apartment rents for \$3,249 ([UCSC Community Rentals 2022](#));

And whereas: system-wide, more than 90% of graduate student workers and more than 60% of postdoctoral scholars indicate they are rent burdened ([UAW Membership Survey 2022](#)), and a 2017 Blum Center survey found that at least 26% of UC graduate students experience food insecurity ([UCSC Blum Center, “Food Insecurity among UCSC Doctoral Students” 2018](#));

And whereas: both rent burden and food insecurity disproportionately affect first-generation college students and students of color, and are known to have broad, adverse consequences for the physical and mental well-being of UCSC’s diverse population of academic workers;

And whereas: UAW 2865, UAW 5810, and SRU-UAW, the bargaining units for UC graduate student researchers, TAs, postdocs, and other academic student employees, have been in negotiations with the UC for over a year to settle a contract;

And whereas: these UC UAW bargaining units have filed [over 35 Unfair Labor Practice charges](#);

And whereas: UAW 2865, UAW 5810, and SRU-UAW are on an indefinite strike, with over 97% of voting members endorsing the strike;

And whereas: the Academic Senate has formally affirmed for both faculty and administrators that retaliation for engaging in lawful strike activities, or HEERA-protected rights to respect a picket line, is illegal;

Therefore be it resolved:

The Santa Cruz Division of the University of California Academic Senate supports striking graduate students, postdocs, and other academic student employees, pledges not to retaliate

against these striking academic workers, not to take up struck labor, and not to retaliate against faculty who invoke their HEERA rights to honor the picket line. Finally, the UCSC Academic Senate calls on UC Santa Cruz campus leaders Chancellor Cindy Larive and Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Lori Kletzer to deliver our message to President Drake and the University of California Office of the President: settle this strike. Engage in good faith negotiations, and commit to fair and equitable contracts with the unions.