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The Union for Graduate Employees at New York University

Andrew Hamilton, President
William R. Berkley, Chair of the Board of Trustees
New York University
70 Washington Square South
New York, NY 10012

Dear President Hamilton and Mr. Berkley:

As you are aware, on February 22 Contract Faculty United-UAW—representing substantially more than half of the continuing, full-time contract faculty at New York University—presented you with a petition calling on you to publicly commit to respect their right to collective bargaining; ensure real due process for contract faculty at NYU, including a guaranteed right to grieve termination to a fair and impartial third party; and establish meaningful annual raises that match or exceed the rate of inflation. So far you have refused your faculty a response. GSOC-UAW Local 2110, the graduate employee union at NYU, urges you to ensure that the administration remains neutral and does not attempt to influence faculty against unionizing, and to agree on a fair process to verify majority support for the union.

Over 3,000 members of GSOC Local 2110-UAW stand beside their siblings in Contract Faculty United. As some of the lowest paid academic workers at NYU whose labor is crucial to the university's operations and world class education, these graduate workers know that a union and the binding contracts they collectively bargain with their employers are the best way they have to use their voice at work to make their jobs better and more secure. Thanks to GSOC's collective efforts, graduate workers experience fairer pay and strong protections. When academic workers negotiate for better working conditions, it improves not only the lives of these workers, but the quality of education our students receive, and betters the academic community as a whole.

We support the contract faculty at NYU as they demand that you agree to a fair process by which to recognize their union, and we look forward to supporting them as they negotiate their first contract.

Sincerely,

The Graduate Student Organizing Committee of NYU
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