



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:

On February 22, a delegation of contract faculty with Contract Faculty United-UAW delivered a petition signed by a majority of full-time continuing contract faculty at NYU, calling on you to commit to respect their right to collective bargaining. As elected and community leaders in the greater New York City area, we write to urge New York University to agree to a fair and neutral process to allow contract faculty to choose collective bargaining and verify their majority without further delay.

These employees provide critical service to the University by teaching thousands of students, and uphold the University's quality mission every day. Contract faculty make NYU a world leader academically and an important economic institution in New York City.

As a majority of these workers have chosen Contract Faculty United - UAW as their union, they join a national movement of tens of thousands of other academics who have negotiated meaningful improvements and protections through collective bargaining. As the thousands of academic workers who have unionized in recent years with UAW in New York City can attest, including non-tenure track faculty at Barnard College, and part-time faculty at NYU and The New School, collective bargaining is an effective tool for growing your collective voices across campus.

We urge NYU to respect the democratic choice of contract faculty on unionization and agree to a fair and neutral process without further delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "James Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being more prominent than the last name "Davis".

James Davis
President,
Professional Staff Congress/CUNY